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Recruitment to the INDIAN AIR FORCE

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos. Eleven only

Part B for March 1944.

SUBJECT

Recruitment to the Indian Air Force.

Krishnan
27.3.44.

My dear Mr. Thumboo Chetty,

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. P.H. 8/43-44 dated the 5th October 1943 with which you have sent copies of a letter from the Resident and a letter from the National Defence Council regarding recruitment to the Indian Air Force.

Yours sincerely,

(sd.) N. Madhava Rau.

Amatya Siromani
T. Thumboo Chetty, Esq., O.B.E.,
Private Secretary to His Highness
The Maharaja of Mysore,
MYSORE.

No. Dated, Mysore, the 5th October 1943.

Copy with the Private Secretary's letter and its enclosures, is forwarded to the General Secretary. A note on the request made by the National Defence Council may please be put up.

NMR

General Secretary
through
Minister for Education with compliments.

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6/10 X+ Nil 6/10. May the C.C. be consulted, in the first instance? Submit. for orders.

9/10/43. 4) Yes. Please draft 9.10.

5) Draft letter to C.C. is put up. & approved - Gen Secy 9/10

GENERAL SECRETARIAT 10 OCT. 1943

fl(2) & 4233 D/ 15/10/43. (3). 9/10/43.

To The Chief Commandant

9/10 9/10 11/10

L.H. Letter No. 1519-P.C.620/43 dt 21/10/43 from the C.C.H.S.T. stating that there are no candidates from the Mysore State Troops for being recruited to the Indian Air Force, as officers

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7) The reply to be given to the Residency is for orders.

8) May may be informed as at A

Gen Sy) 29/10

Ministry of Education) 29/10

9) Is there no information regarding the Customs clearance & arrival in regard to recruitment to the Air Force.

2/11/43 2/11

10) Subd. The above information is not available in the Civil Section. The War Secn will be consulted, if appt.

2/11/43 2/11

War Secn) 3.11

11) Yes

12) Copy of memorandum containing information re recruitment to I.A.F. is put up.

War Secn)

13) Subd with ref. to the Communist minute dt 2/11/43 — para 8 supra.

Gen Sy) 5/11

Ministry of Education) 5/11

4/11/43

14) All that we can do is to request the Govt of contracts to give wide publicity to the terms & conditions of service in the Indian Air Force as in the pamphlet, in the several Govt institutions & to advise such of those students as are willing, to join the Service. When recruiting agencies bring in the State, we may give them necessary facilities & assistance by giving wide publicity & getting them into touch with recruits, to the extent such recruits come forward.

D.Caron 8/11

15) Noted 11/11/43 17/11

16) If appt, the file will now be transferred to the War Secn for further action. Subd. for orders.

17) Yes as such questions have dealt with in the War Secn

Gen Sy) 15.11

18) War Secn) 15/11 17/11

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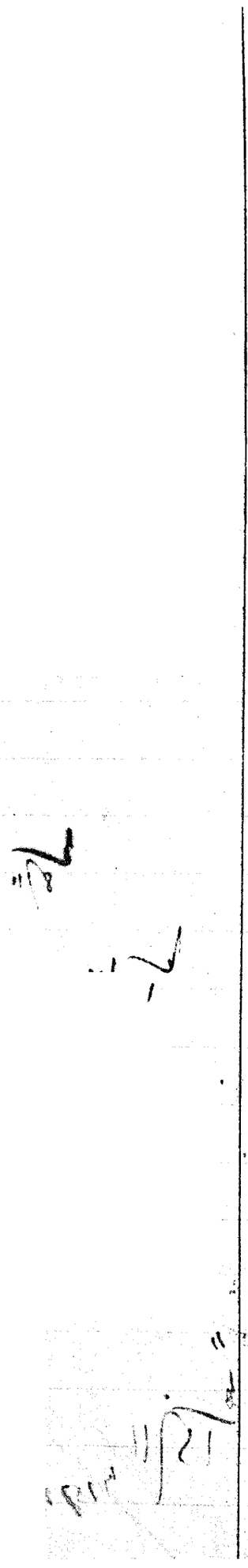

5. From The Secy to the Govt of Bombay to the Govt of India F. 36-40/W 3 11th Nov. 43 requesting this Govt to take all possible steps to assist in enlisting officer recruits for the I.A.F.

The matter was discussed in the National Defence Council on the subject and the Hon'ble Member in charge of the Department dealing with it in the Exec. Council. In that connection the C.C. M&T reported that an officer with Sikh Force is willing to join the I.A.F. The views of the above Govt for orders whether this may be sent to the Govt of India for necessary action

(Secy) 12/11

Yes
WD
12/11/43

(Secy) 12/11

Mis
12/11

The file referred to above has since been returned by the Govt of India Defence Department.

A draft to the Regr University is submitted on the lines of the orders in the papers placed below. Even at present the DCs are being asked to give wide publicity to the four of the Recruiting officers.

Submitted.

Issue letter dated 19th Nov. 43 to the Regr University

9. From The Secy to the Govt of India in the Army Dept
F. 36 40/43 dt 18th Nov. 43 forwarding copy of W.T. Dte
letter to the Vice Chancellors of Indian Universities
and stating that a copy has been sent to the
Vice Chancellors of the Universities including Mysore

A copy has been sent to the Vice Chancellor
of the Mysore University also Director. Orders for
perusal. The Mysore University does not have the
Indian Air Training Corps and Air Force classes.

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23. NOV. 1943
GOVT. OF MYSORE.

(QS) 22/XI

Secy for perusal
Sir
Private Secy
Min

Min Edn) WD
23/11/43
Sir

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10. From The Secy to the Govt of India in the Army Dept
dtd F. 36 40/43 dtd 6th March 44 forwarding copy
of War Dept (Air Branch) letter dtd 18th Feby 44
re Recruitment of I.A.F. Pilots.

Orders for perusal. One of the Means
Aeroplanes is the Use of the Air Training Corps at
Universities to recruit Pilots is being given.
There is no such Course in the Mysore University
A copy of this letter could be sent to the Mysore
University. in continuation for information & necessary
action

Secy for 8/3

9053
8. MAR. 1944
GOVT. OF MYSORE.

Yes
Rs WD

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Forbs with a draft to a Regr University
for King

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11 Issued No. W 2190 d 14.3.44 to Regr., Mys'lore

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D.O.No.F.10-42/W(5)/One.

The Residency,
Bangalore,
2nd October 1943.

Recruitment to the
Indian Air Force.

My dear Maharaja Sahib,

His Excellency the Crown Representative has asked me to send Your Highness the enclosed copy of a letter from the National Defence Council No. 61/43-N.D.C. dated the 15th September 1943.

2. The Government of India would be most grateful for any assistance that Your Highness' Government could kindly give in the matter.

Yours very sincerely,
Sd/- D. de M.S.Fraser.

His Highness Maharaja
Sri Jayaçhamaraja Wadiyar Bahadur,
Maharaja of Mysore.

(Copy)

No.61/43-N.D.C.
Office of the Secretary,
National Defence Council.
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New Delhi, the 15th September 1943.

Dear Pt.Kunzru/etc.,

I am desired by the War Department to address you regarding recruitment to the Indian Air Force. In order to meet both the demands of its 10 Squadron Expansion Plan and of Indian participation in the Empire Air Training Scheme, the Indian Air Force has to recruit 70 General Duties Branch officers (pilots) a month. At present great difficulty is being experienced in recruiting up to this figure and the numbers directly recruited in the last 3 months have, in fact, averaged only 15. You will at once realize that if the Indian Air Force is to be built up and maintained at 10 squadrons and if we are to continue participating in the Empire Air Training Scheme, it is vital to improve the recruitment of pilots and to close the wide gap between the monthly target of 70 and actual recruiting figure of 15 at once. In fact, unless this is done and done very quickly, the 10 Squadron Plan and the plan of participation in the Empire Air Training Scheme will be seriously endangered.

2. The seriousness of the situation is fully realized and all possible measures to restore it are being taken. These measures include enlisting the help of Provincial Governments, obtaining volunteers from Officers Training Schools, instructing all recruiting and selecting agencies to give preference to recruiting against this commitment, using the Indian Air Training Corps and Air Force Classes at Universiti to recruit Indian Air Force pilots, and the launching of a big publicity drive.

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3. It is hoped that these measures will prove successful. On the other hand it is appreciated that these measures cannot succeed without the fullest co-operation on the part of the public. I am therefore desired by the War Department to inform you frankly of the present position and they would be most grateful if you will be kind enough to give them all possible assistance in restoring the position and will welcome any suggestion you may make for further measures to improve recruiting in this category.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- * * *

To

All members of the National Defence Council,
excluding the States' Representatives.

W III-43-1

The Palace,

Mysore, 5th October 1943.

No.PH.8/43-44/2 mily 96-43-1

My dear Mr.Madhava Rau,

I am desired to send herewith for favour of disposal copy of the Resident's letter No.F.10-42/W(5) dated the 2nd instant, and its enclosure, namely copy of a letter from the National Defence Council No.61/43-N.D.C. dated the 15th September 1943, regarding recruitment to the Indian Air Force.

Yours sincerely,

K. Srinivasachar

Pradhanasiromani
N.Madhava Rau, Esq.,C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Lake View, Mysore.

W III-43-2 Mily 9[illegible]-43-2

To The C.C.M.S.T.

G 4233 dt 15/10/43.
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Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith, for favour of remarks at a very early date, ~~copy~~ copies of letter from the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, No. D.O. No. F-10-42/43-~~[illegible]~~ dt 2/10/43, for letter from the National Defence Council No. 61/43-NDC. dt 15/9/43 regarding recruitment.

to Mr. Indian Air Force.

I have etc

Secretary

by 9/10

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W 11-43-4.

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

No. 1519- PC. 620/42 **OFFICE OF** the Chief Commandant,
Incls. Mysore State Troops, Bangalore,

Date 21st October 1943.

GE... UNIT
25 OCT. 1943
BEN... MIS. BRANCH.

To

The General Secretary
to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, B a n [illegible]

GENERAL SECRETARIAT
25 OCT. 1943

Sir,

Subject:- Recruitment to the Indian Air Force.

With reference to your letter No. G.4233/Mily 96-43-2, dated 15th October 1943, forwarding for remarks, copies of letter from the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore D.O. No. F.10-42/W(5) dated 2nd October 1943 and No.61/ -N.D.C., dated 15th September 1943 from the Secretary, ational Defence Council, New Delhi, on the above subject, I have the honour to state that there are no candidates from the Mysore State Troops for being recruited to the Indian Air Force, as officers.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

M. Vigne Col.,
Chief Commandant,
Mysore State Troops.

W111-43-5.

SECRET. 1154 W.

No. F.36-40/W.

The reply to this communication should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

FROM

THE SECRETARY
TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dated Bangalore, the 11th November *1943.*

Recruitment to the Indian Air Force.

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SIR,

I am directed to state that the position with regard to the recruitment to the General Duties (Flying) Branch of the Indian Air Force is causing great anxiety to the Government of India because, unless a radical improvement is effected at once, the whole programme for expansion and training of the India Air Force will be jeopardized. The Government of India have therefore decided that the recruiting demand for 70 General Duties Branch officers per month to the Indian Air Force should be regarded as the most important officer recruiting target at present and that preference should be given to recruiting to the Indian Air Force to meet this commitment. The recruiting organisation, the Central Selection Boards and Provincial Governments have been asked to make all possible efforts to implement this decision.

2. The Government of India will be grateful if the Government of Mysore also will take, as a matter of urgency, all possible steps to assist in supplying

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supplying officer recruits for the Indian Air Force.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT

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19/11

SUBJECT.....

Section W

File No. 111-43.

Serial No. 6

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

No. 1022/W Enc. 1.

To The Registrar University

Recruitment to the IAF

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Sir.

I am directed to enclose herein a copy of Reg letter d 11th Nov. 43 forwarding with a copy of the pamphlet designed to give useful information to candidates for the I.A.F and to request you will kindly give wide publicity to the terms of recruitment and Service in the I.A.F as in the pamphlet in the Several Universities colleges and High Schools and to call upon such of them as are willing to join the Service.

Date of issue.... 19-11-1943

Signed by.... Mr. S.K.V.

List of enclosures.....

Copied by.....

Examined by.....

I have the

for Chief Secretary to Govt

WD 04161—GPB—60,000—24-10-41

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

General and Revenue Secretariat,

Dated Bangalore, ...November 1943-

The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

The Registrar,
University of Mysore,
M Y S O R E.

Subject:-Recruitment to the Indian Air Force.

I am directed to enclose herein a copy of Residency lette F.36-40/W, dated the 11th instant together with a dozen ies of the pamphlet designed to give useful information to didates for the Indian Air Force and to request you to give wide publicity to the terms of recruitment and service in the Indian Air Force as in the pamphlet in the several University institutions and to arrange to advise such of those of student as are willing to join the service.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For Chief Secretary to Government.

HSS/2.

W III-43-7. 1232/W.

he reply to this communion should be addressed to Secretary to the Resident Mysore, Bangalore, by gnation and not by name.

No. F.36-40/W. (Secret)

FROM

THE SECRETARY
TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dated Bangalore, the 18th November *1943.*

Recruitment to the Indian Air Force through Universities.

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SIR,

In continuation of my letter No.F.36-40/W, dated the 11th November 1943, I am directed to forward for information a copy of the Government of India War Department (Air Branch) letter No.13706/1/W-4(b), dated the 26th October 1943. I am to add that a copy of the letter has been forwarded by the War Department to the Vice-Chancellors of all the other Indian Universities including Mysore.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

Copy of letter No.13706/1/W-4(b), dated the 26th October 1943, from the Government of India, War Department (Air Branch), to the Vice-Chancellors, Madras University, Calcutta, Allahabad, Aligarh, Punjab, Osmania Universities.

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RECRUITMENT TO THE INDIAN AIR FORCE THROUGH UNIVERSITIES.

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I am directed to say that the Government of India have decided that, in future, both Indian Air Training Corps and Air Force Classes at Universities shall be used primarily for the recruitment of officers to the General Duties (Pilots) Branch of the Indian Air Force. Candidates for an officer's commission in the General Duties Branch of the Indian Air Force who successfully complete the course at a University Indian Air Training Corps or Air Force Class and are recommended by the University authorities will not have to appear before the Provincial Selection Board but will go straight to the Officers Selection Board.

2. To give effect to this decision the following measures are necessary:-

(i) the present syllabus will be amended to include subjects suitable for aircrew training.

(ii) the number of courses will be increased to 3 courses each of 3 months duration each year.

(iii) in addition to stipends trainees when attending courses during vacation will receive an allowance of Re-1/8/- per day and when attending courses at an Air Force establishment will be entitled to free messing and accommodation on the scale admissible to officer cadets.

3. The Government of India feel sure that this change will meet with the approval of Universities and they will be grateful for the utmost co-operation and assistance of University authorities in making the scheme a success. The importance to the future of the Indian Air Force of ensuring a steady intake of officer cadets to become pilots in its squadrons needs no emphasis.

W 111-43-8.

The Palace,

Mysore, 25th January 1944.

No.P.H.8/43-44/One.

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My dear Mr. Madhava Rau,

In continuation of my letter No. PH.8/43-44, dated the 5th October 1943, I am desired to send herewith a copy of the booklet entitled "How to become an officer in the Indian Air Force", received from the Hon'ble the Resident, with his D.O.letter No.F.10-42(5)/W dated 20-1-1944, addressed to His Highness the Maharaja.

Yours sincerely,

K. Venkatachar

Pradhanasiromani
N.Madhava Rau, Esq.,C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore, Bangalore.

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Bangalore,

D.O.No. 26th January 1944.

My dear Mr. Thumboo Chetty,

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. P.H. 8/43-44 dated the 25th January 1944 with which you have sent a copy of the booklet "How to become an Officer in the Indian Air Force" received from the Hon'ble the Resident.

Yours sincerely,

(sd.) N. Madhava Rau.

M. 1330/Encs2.

Amatya Siromani
T. Thumboo Chetty, Esq., O.B.E.,
Private Secretary to His Highness
The Maharaja of Mysore,
MYSORE.

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Copy with the Private Secretary's letter and the booklet forwarded to the Chief Secretary.

Abd for perusal.
26.1.44.

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No.F.36-40/W. Encl.

The Secretary to the Hon'ble
the Resident in Mysore.

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Bangalore, the 6th March 1944

Recruitment of Indian Air Force Pilots.

I am directed to refer to my letter No.F.36-40/W, dated the 11th November 1943, and to forward for information and such action as may be possible, a copy of a letter from the Government of India, War Department (Air Branch), No.2036/W.4(b), dated the 18th February 1944.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

CHIEF SECRETARY. War
7. MAR. 1944
GOVT. OF MYSORE.

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

SECRET.

Government of India, War Department (Air Branch),
New Delhi, the 18th February 1944. No.2036/W.4(b).

To

All Provincial Governments and Administrations.

Subject:- Recruitment of Indian Air Force Pilots.

Sir,

With reference to this Department letter No.11257/W.4 of the 11th September 1943, I am directed to say that the development of the Indian Air Force, owing to the continued failure of pilot recruitment over the past year, has now reached a critical phase. To meet the demands of the 10 Squadron Expansion Plan, of participation in the Empire Air Training Scheme and to make good past deficiencies the Indian Air Force needs 104 recruits a month. For the past 12 months, recruitment has averaged only 35. This is only one third of requirements and discloses a wide gap between requirements and results. Moreover, this monthly deficit is cumulative in effect with the result that the I.A.F. now faces an overall deficit of over 150 pilots.

2. The position is serious and you will readily appreciate that, as it takes at-least a year to train a pilot, failure to recruit the full number of pilots now will cripple the Indian Air Force a year or 18 months ahead in what is expected to be, for India, the most decisive stage of the War.

3. The Government of India view the situation with anxiety and are taking all possible measures to restore it. These include according preference to the recruiting of I.A.F. pilots; the use of the Indian Air Training Corps at Universities to recruit pilots instead of airmen; the introduction of I.A.F. Touring Recruiting Parties; the giving of demonstration flights in conjunction with War Services Exhibition; the encouragement of visits to I.A.F. Training Schools and a large scale publicity drive.

They, however, realise that without the co-operation and assistance of Provincial Governments/Administrations these measures cannot have their full effect and they will therefore be grateful if all Provincial Governments / Administrations will make a special effort not only to see that the new I.A.F.

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pilots recruiting target of 104 per month is reached and maintain but also to see that the quality of recruits is kept as high as possible.

I ~~have the~~ am, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd/-
Secretary to the Government of India.

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Section War
File No. 111-43
Serial No. 11

iary No. of letter replied to. 2192/W

No. W2190 (Encl)

To The Regr. University

Sir, Returned to a I.A.F

In continuation of this office letter

No 1022/W d 19th Nov. 43

on the above subject. I am

directed to enclose herein for

your information & necessary action

a C/S q letter from the Secretary

War Deptt (Air Branch) D/ 18th July 44 on the subject

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue... 16.3.44

igned by... Mr S.K.V.

I have the

honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

for Chief Secy to Govt

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Address: 'UNIREG.'
Phone: No. 277.

University of Mysore

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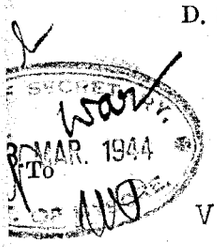
Office of the University of Mysore,
MYSORE

22nd March 1944

FROM

D. S. GORDON, ESQ., M.A., LL.B., B.T., A.M., DIP. EDN.,
Registrar, University of Mysore,
MYSORE



To

V. Vedavyasacharya, Esq.,B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

RECRUITMENT TO THE INDIAN AIR FORCE.

With reference to your letter No.W.2190 received on 15th March 1944, I am directed to invite reference to letter No.P.1229 dated 21st June 1943 from the Vice-Chancellor to the General Secretary to Government stating that action could be taken only when the Air Force can expand the number of centres in which training can be given.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

REGISTRAR

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Asked for para with reference. No specific action was asked to be taken by a Regn University. It was left only for information in Confidential attached letter. The Nigerian University has no tactical Air Training Corps as some other universities have.

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INDIAN AIR FORCE
PILOTS AND OBSERVERS

A PAMPHLET DESIGNED TO GIVE USEFUL INFORMATION TO CANDIDATES FOR THE I.A.F.

Issued March
1942

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INDIAN AIR FORCE
PILOTS AND OBSERVERS.

A pamphlet designed to give useful information to candidates for the I. A. F.

To whom you should apply.

Candidates who fulfil the conditions set out in paras. 5 and 9 within should obtain Application (I.A.F. Z-2290) Forms from :—

(a) District Area Commanders,

(b) Provincial Government authorities (District Magistrate, etc.).

2. They will be submitted to District Area Commanders for

(a) submission to Provincial Selection Boards at which candidates will appear for their preliminary interview;

(b) if accepted by the Provincial Selection Board they will be called to appear before the Central Interview Board for final selection, and medical examination.

1. **INDIAN STATES.**—Candidates in Indian States Government employ must obtain consent of the State authorities before applying.

2. Candidates will obtain Application Forms from local Military Commanders.

3. They will be interviewed by the Local Military Commanders and if selected will be called upon to appear before the Central Interview Board for Final Selection, and medical examination.

PILOTS AND OBSERVERS IN THE INDIAN AIR FORCE.

1. **OBJECT.**

To produce a body of fully trained Pilots, and Observers for war-time service with the regular Indian Air Force.

2. **THE GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH OF THE INDIAN AIR FORCE.**

As the word implies General Duties personnel of the I.A.F. are required to perform general station and unit duties in addition to their

duties in the air. The general duties branch of the I.A.F. is sub-divided into the following categories, a brief description of which is now given :—

(a) **Pilots.**—The duties of a pilot as such are similar in most respects to those of the captain of a ship at sea, he is responsible for manœuvering his aircraft and also for his crew.

(b) **Observers.**—The observer in an aircraft is responsible to the captain of that aircraft for all work in connection with the safe and accurate navigation of the aircraft. He is also responsible for bombing and in some types of aircraft for air gunnery work and operating the wireless.

3. **APPOINTMENTS.**

(a) **Pilots and Observers.**—Candidates who are accepted with a view to training as pilots and observers in the General Duties Branch of the I.A.F. are in the first instance entered as Officer Cadets and, if found suitable, are later given commissions in the I.A.F.

4. **TRAINING.**

Initial training of candidates found suitable for the I.A.F. may involve the following periods.

(a) **Pilots.**—An Air Force course in four stages of approximately ten months duration.

(b) **Observers.**—An Air Force course in three stages of approximately seven months duration.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED OF CANDIDATES FOR ENTRY INTO THE INDIAN AIR FORCE.

5. **AGE LIMITS.**—At the time of selection a candidate must have passed his eighteenth birthday but must not have passed his 26th birthday for Pilots and 28th birthday for observers. Only in very special circumstances can the upper age limit be relaxed.

Candidates between 17½ and 18 years of age may be accepted as Officer Cadets provided they have completed successfully not less than one year at a college or have passed the Senior Cambridge examination with not less than three credits.

6. **NATIONALITY.**—A candidate must be a subject of His Majesty or of an Indian State, and

(i) he must be of unmixed Indian descent, or

(ii) if he is of mixed Indian and non-Indian descent, he must be domiciled in India, or

(iii) if he is of unmixed non-Indian Asiatic descent, he must be domiciled in India and his father and grandfather must also be, or if deceased have been, domiciled in India.

7. **EDUCATION.**—Normal minimum standard is matriculation (pass) or equivalent, good mathematics, general knowledge and knowledge of current affairs as reported in daily papers and a first class knowledge of written and spoken English are essential. Preference is given to candidates who possess higher educational qualifications.

8. **GAMES, ETC.**—Preference is given to candidates who have been active participants in school and college games and sports, members of Scout organisations and Training Corps, or who are experienced in technical and or flying work.

9. **STANDARD OF MEDICAL FITNESS.**—The medical standard of fitness required is such as will ensure co-ordination of all the systems of the body, which are primarily intact, so as to ensure perfect control when flying aircraft and also capability to withstand stress of flying on active service.

Thus the candidate must have complete use of all limbs, must be capable of endurance as shown by being able to hold his breath for at least 60 seconds without any undue disturbance of normal pulse rates. Blood pressures must be within certain normal limits. Heart and lungs must be free of disease. Vision must be normal and colour perception also normal, spectacles must not be worn. Hearing apparatus must be free of disease and hearing within normal limits. History of severe sea or air sickness, severe dizziness on swings and roundabouts debars candidates. Balance which is tested on each leg separately with eyes closed must be satisfactory.

Minimum height must reach 63" and leg length measured from hip to heel 39".

To attain standards of fitness required candidates are advised to adopt a strict regime covering avoidance of alcohol, excessive smoking, ingestion of highly spiced foods, attention to personal hygiene, suitable exercise, such as tennis, swimming, running, gymnastics.

SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOR OFFICER CADETS AND COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

10. Selected candidates are entered as Officer Cadets. While serving as such they receive pay @ Rs. 4-8-0 per day *plus* an additional Rs. 55 per mensem if married, free accommodation, free messing and medical and dental treatment. An outfit allowance of Rs. 600 is credited to the Officer Commanding the Initial Training School for the provision of their uniform.

11. **APPOINTMENT TO COMMISSIONED RANK.**—Those who succeed with their training and are in other respects suitable are normally commissioned after the following periods as Officer Cadets :—

Pilots	20—24 weeks.
Observers	20—24 weeks.

12. **RANK ON APPOINTMENT.**—Appointment to a commission is in the rank of Acting Pilot Officer on probation. The probationery period is 9 months of embodied service. On satisfactory completion of the probationery service, or on reaching the required standard of proficiency in his duties, whichever is later, an Acting Pilot Officer is promoted to the rank of Pilot Officer. Exceptional qualifications of a candidate may, however, be taken into consideration with a view to the grant of a higher rank on entry.

NOTE.—The programme and period of training is subject to alteration from time to time.

13. **PROMOTION.**—Pilot Officers will be eligible for promotion to Flying Officer (subject to recommendation) after 12 months embodied service as such.

Promotion above the rank of Flying Officer will be by selection to fill vacancies in the establishment. The time limits will be the same as for regular officers of the Indian Air Force.

Non-substantive promotion, paid or unpaid will be governed by rules published from time to time in Air Force Instructions (India).

All appointments, promotions, etc., except acting promotions will be promulgated in the Gazette of India.

14. **LIABILITIES OF OFFICERS EMBODIED IN THE INDIAN AIR FORCE.**

(i) To serve in the Indian Air Force for the duration of the war or so long thereafter as their services may be required.

(ii) To go into the air whenever ordered to do so.

(iii) To serve with any of His Majesty's Forces anywhere in the world.

15. **TRAVELLING OR DAILY ALLOWANCE.**—Candidates when called up for central interview and/or medical examination will be paid a travelling and daily allowance which will be notified to them at the time.

Expenses involved in the journey of a candidate selected for appointment as an Officer Cadet to the Air Force Station to which posted will be refunded in accordance with regulations which will be explained at the time of posting.

16. **MEDICAL.**—During annual training and when embodied officers will be entitled to medical treatment under the conditions applicable to permanent officers of the General Duties Branch of the Indian Air Force.

17. **LEAVE AND LEAVE TRAVELLING CONCESSIONS.**—Will be admissible under the rules applicable to permanent officers of the Indian Air Force.

18. **TERMINATION OF SERVICE.**

(i) *Medical Unfitness.*—Officer Cadets or Officers may be required to relinquish their appointments or commissions at any time on account of medical unfitness.

(ii) *Misconduct.*—Officer Cadets or officers are liable to be removed from the Indian Air Force for misconduct.

(iii) *Other Circumstances.*—For reasons other than medical disability or misconduct, Officer Cadets or Officers may at any time be called upon to resign should the circumstances in the opinion of the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Air Forces in India, require such an action.

(iv) *Age Limit.*—Officers will not normally be permitted to serve in the Indian Air Force as pilots or observers beyond the age of 42.

19. **PAY AND ALLOWANCES.**

(a) **Admissible to officers of the General Duties Branch.**

——	Unmarried. Pay. Rs.	Unmarried. Special Allowance. Rs.	Married Pay. Rs.
Acting Pilot Officer	370	35	450
Pilot Officer	455	35	535
Flying Officer	510	20	590
Flying Officer (2 years)	530	20	610
Flight Lieutenant	600	20	680
Flight Lieutenant (10 years)	625	...	755
Flight Lieutenant (15 years)	700	...	830
Squadron Leader	845	...	930
Squadron Leader (5 years)	915	...	1,000

NOTE.—This special allowance is intended to maintain the emoluments of unmarried officers at their present level and will be regarded as "pay" for all purposes. It is only payable however, to unmarried officers when *not* in receipt of colonial allowance.

Officers, married or unmarried, serving overseas will receive a colonial allowance at the rates laid down from time to time in Air Force Instructions (India).

20. **GENERAL.**—Training in the Air Force includes a continuation of education work. Certain characteristics required in candidates such as initiative and independence of thought and action are cultivated as practical training develops. In consequence an individual who has completed training as an Officer is better qualified to complete for or undertake civil employment than his contemporary elsewhere.

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APPENDIX A.

I. A. F. Z-2290

TEMPORARY / EMERGENCY Commissions in His Majesty's Royal Indian Naval Reserve / Royal Indian Naval Volunteer Reserve / Indian Land Forces / Indian Air Force

RECORD OF PARTICULARS

of

NAME :

Civil District :

Military District :

Provincial Board :

Order of preference of Service (*vide* Item 35) 1 . . . . . 2 . . . . . 3 . . . . . .

FINAL CLASSIFICATION BY C. I. B.

To be completed by the recommending authority.

NOTE.—There are three parts to this Record, *viz.*—

PART I—to be completed by the applicant (in his own hand-writing).

PART II—to be completed under arrangements to be made by the Recruiting Authority concerned who will attach it to Part I.

PART III—to be completed under arrangements to be made by General-Headquarters (Adjutant-General's Branch).

I. A. F. Z-2290. (Part I

PART I.

1. This application form will be used for all candidates for temporary commissio in His Majesty's Royal Indian Naval Reserve Forces and Emergency Commissions in t Indian Land Forces, or the Indian Air Force.

2. Candidates will indicate below the order in which they desire to be considere *i.e.*, order of preference :—

First choice.....
Second choice.....
Third choice.....

3. Candidates desirous of appointment to the Indian Air Force should ascerta whether they come up to the standard of physical fitness prescribed. (The medic standard are given below.)

4. Candidates must, if selected, observe the following conditions :—

(*a*) *General* :—

Must be prepared to serve in any unit or formation in any part of th world—

(*b*) *Indian Air Force* :—

You must be prepared to sign a personal indemnity certificate renouncin all claims to compensation from Government in respect of an loss or damage to you or your property during the period of you training.

(*c*) *Certificate* :—

I fully understand the conditions given above and am prepared to acce them.

.....
(*Signature of Applicant.*)

MEDICAL STANDARD OF PHYSICAL FITNESS REQUIRED FOR GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH OF THE INDIAN AIR FORCE.

5. The medical standard of fitness required is such as will ensure co-ordination o all the systems of the body, which are primarily intact, so as to ensure perfect contro when flying aircraft and also capability to withstand stress of flying on active service.

Thus the candidate must have complete use of all limbs, must be capable of endur ance as shown by being able to hold his breath for at least 60 seconds without any undue disturbance of normal pulse rates. Blood pressures must be within certain normal limits. Heart and lungs must be free of disease. Vision must be normal and colour perception also normal, spectacles must not be worn. Hearing apparatus must be free of disease and hearing within normal limits. History of severe sea or air sickness severe dizziness on swings and roundabouts debars candidates. Balance which is teste on each leg separately with eyes closed must be satisfactory.

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APPLICATION FOR A TEMPORARY COMMISSION IN HIS MAJESTY'S ROYAL INDIAN NAVAL RESERVE OR AN EMERGENCY COMMISSION IN THE INDIAN LAND FORCES OR INDIAN AIR FORCE.

IMPORTANT.—To be completed in applicant's own handwriting.

1. Name in full (BLOCK LETTERS).

2. Present address. (Nearest railway station to be shown.)

3. Permanent address.

4. Married or single. (If married, the number of children and their ages should be given.)

5. Name, address and occupation of next-of-kin, showing relationship.

6. Exact date of birth. (Documentary evidence to be attached to application form and this must be verified by the recruiting authority concerned.)
Day .....month.....Year.....(Christian era only.)

7. Place of birth.

8. Are you a British subject? (If you are a Government servant, have you been permitted by your Government to apply? Documentary evidence to this effect must be attached.)

9. Are you a subject of an Indian State? If so, of what State? (If you are employed by that State, have you been permitted by your State Authorities to apply? Documentary evidence to this effect must be attached.)

10. What is your religion?
What is your caste?
What is your sub-caste?
If you are a Brahmin, are you orthodox, *i.e.*, have you any objection to messing with non-vegetarians, such as Muslims, Christians, etc.?

11. What is, or was, your father's name?

12. What is, or was, your father's permanent address?

13. State your father's country of birth and nationality.

14. State your mother's country of birth and nationality.

15. What is, or was, your father's occupation?

16. What is the approximate amount of your father's $\frac{\text{Income Tax}}{\text{Land Revenue}}$?
Amount paid last year was Rs.....

17. Did your father ever serve in the Naval, Military, or Air Force? If so, give particulars.

18. Have you any other *near* relatives who served in His Majesty's Forces? If so, give particulars.

19. Where were you educated? (Serving personnel should also enter all educational qualifications obtained in His Majesty's Forces.)

Name of University.	School or College.	Date of entry.	Date of leaving.	Exam or Degree.	Class or Division Pass or Honours.	Subjects taken.

(*N.B.*—Only state examination which you have passed.)

20. If applicable, state linguistic qualifications (Oriental and European) and give degree of proficiency in each.

21. In what games did you represent your :—
(*a*) School.
(*b*) College.
(*c*) University.
What games do you play now?

22. Give details of any apprenticeship, with date, and full particulars of training received.

23. Are you in possession of a Board of Trade certificate? If so, give number and date.

24. **Have you passed Sections "A" and "B" of the Associate Membership Examination of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, or the examination for Associate Membership of the Institute of Marine Engineers? If so, give dates of passing each section.

25. **Do you hold a Board of Trade Engineer's Certificate of Competency? If so, state what class when obtained and whether "Ordinary" or "Motor".

26. †State your flying experience (if any)—
(*a*) as Pilot, State types of aircraft on licence (Details only of bulk of flying.)

	Type.	Hours.
Total Dual		
Total Solo		

(*b*) Give brief particulars of any flying other than as Pilot.

*These questions will be answered by candidates for the Royal Indian Naval Volunteer Reserve of Officers, Executive/Accountant Branch.
**These questions will be answered by candidates for the Royal Indian Navy, Engineering Branch.
†These questions will be answered by candidates for appointment to the Indian Air Force.

27. Give full particulars of all employment you have carried out. [To include service in a Government department (Home, Indian or Colonial) with dates of each rank held.]

N B.—Applicant must state to whom he was directly responsible, and for what personnel, if any.

Serving personnel will enter a note that they are serving, indicating formation, unit, &c., &c.

Name of employer.	Date of joining.	Date of leaving.	Nature of employment.	Salary per month.

28 Have you appeared at, or applied for admission to, any examination held by the Federal Public Services Commission for entrance to the Indian Military Academy, Dehra Dun ; Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, and/or the Royal Indian Navy ! If so, give full particulars and state whether you obtained qualifying marks.

NOTE.—Applications in respect of serving personnel should be accompanied by a report from Commanding Officers. The dossiers of those who have been to the Kitchener College, Nowgong, should be obtained from the College and attached.

29. Have you appeared in any examination held for the Indian Civil Service, Indian Police, and/or the Indian Audit and Accounts Service ! If so, give full particulars.

30. Have you served in the Naval, Military or Air Forces, including U T. C., I. T. F. or A. F. I. Unit ? If so, state formation, unit, etc., also—
(*a*) for what period.
(*b*) No. of parades attended.
(*c*) No. of camps attended.
(*d*) rank held on leaving.

31. Have you been previously rejected for Naval, Military, Marine or Air Force Service ? If so, give reasons, also date and place of interview.

32. Are you under any liabilitary, or employed under a contract, which may prejudice your release for service? If so, give full particulars.

33. If you are unsuccessful in getting an emergency commission, are you prepared to accept any lower rank for which you are at present considered suitable ?

34. References.—These should be persons holding responsible positions. They should be intimately acquainted with the applicant's character but they will not be relations. One of the referees should be the Principal of the College or Head of a similar institution in which the applicant last studied. In the case of serving personnel no references are required.

N. D.—No person may be quoted as a reference without his consent.
First
Second

35. I hereby declare, to that the best of my knowledge and belief, the above information is correct and I now wish to apply for a Temporary Commission in Royal Indian Naval Reserve/Royal Indian Naval Volunteer Reserve (*a*) Executive/Accounts Branch / (*b*) Engineer Branch and Emergency Commission in His Majesty's Indian Land Forces / Indian Air Force

Strike out, Branch not required

Insert order of perference { 1..... 2..... 3.....

And if I am granted such commission I further declare I will serve His Majesty the King Emperor, his heirs and successors, so long my services may be required or until my resignation is accepted and that I am prepared to serve in any arm or department of the service to which I may be appointed or subsequently transferred and in any part of the world.

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(*Signature of applicant.*)

Witness.....

Date.....

Place.....

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36. TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS FOR THE INDIAN AIR FORCE.

PERSONAL INDEMNITY CERTIFICATE.

I, ...of.....in consideration of my appointment by the Governor-General in Council do hereby agree that neither I nor my representatives shall have any claim to compensation from the Governor-General in Council in respect of any loss or damage or death caused to me or loss or damage to my property during my training whether in an aircraft or otherwise during the period of my training in general.

Dated the.....

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(*Signature.*)

Witness.....

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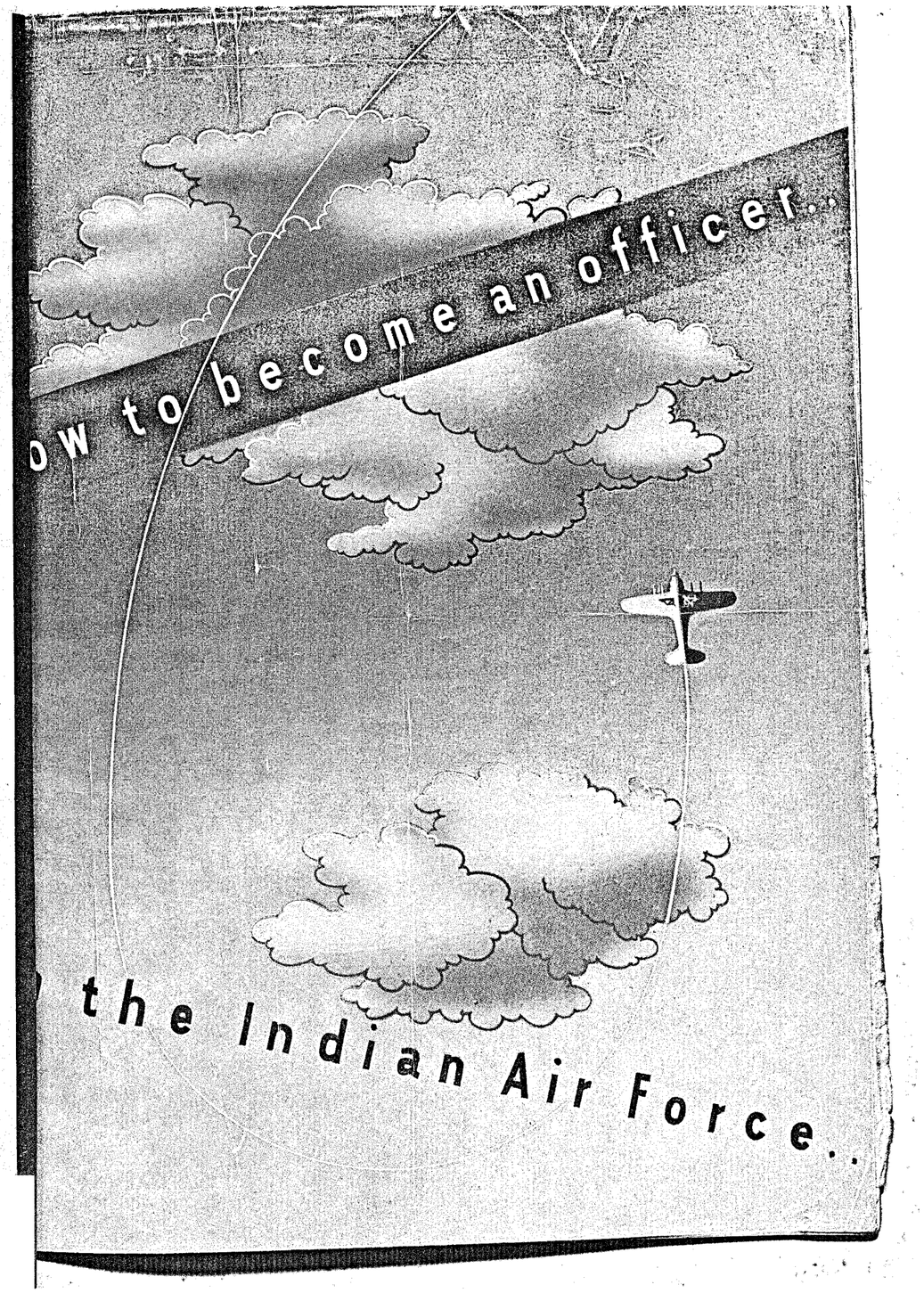
ow to become an officer
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SINCE GOING TO PRESS THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THIS BOOK.

Page 1, first line, delete word "North."
Page 2, 9th line, first para to read :—"Initial training occupies 18 weeks."
Page 6, last line, delete "Skene" and substitute "Skeen."
Page 7, line 7, delete "Skene" and substitute "Skeen."
Page 17, para 8 should read :—

Pilots & Observers. Candidates who are accepted with a view to training as Pilots in the General Duties Branch of the I.A.F. are in the first instance enrolled as Aircraftsmen 2nd Class (Officer Cadets) and if found suitable, are later given commissions in the I.A.F. This means that they are treated as potential Officers.

Para 9, should read :—
(a) Pilots. An Air Force Course in two stages of approximately eight months duration.

(b) Observers. An Air Force Course in three stages of approximately seven months duration. At present the demand for Observers is in abeyance.

Page 18, para 15 should read :—

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Para 16, delete "20-24 weeks" and substitute "30 weeks" in case of Pilots.
Para 17, third line, for "9" substitute "6."
Page 19, para 18, third line, delete "12" and substitute "6."
Para 21, delete the words "During annual training and when embodied."
Page 20, para 24(a), third column Flight Lieutenant. Delete "680" and substitute "730."
Page 22, 1st para, sub-section (ii), 2nd line, delete "50" and substitute "45."
Para (iii) relating to Technical Branch :—Add (d) Armament.
Age Limits. Paragraph should read :—

Entry in Equipment, Accountant and A. & S.D. Branches is restricted to those between the ages of 21 and 45 years. Direct entry candidates, however, will not be accepted below 26 years of age unless they are permanently medically unfit for flying. In the case of Technical Branch, it is restricted to those not under 18 years and not over 28 years of age.

2nd column. Rank on entry. After word "designated"—add "Aircraftsmen 2nd Class" (Officer Cadet).
Pay whilst undergoing training. 3rd line. Delete Rs. 4-8-0 and substitute Rs. 5-4-0—
Delete Rs. 50/- and substitute Rs. 55/-.
6th Line. After Rs. 600/- insert plus Rs. 133/- for tropical outfit.
Page 23. 2nd Column. Technical Officers. After "Torpedo" add "Armament."
Page 24. 1st Column 4 (b). Delete Para.
Page 28. Delete clause 36 in toto.

Wing Commander M. Engineer, D.F.C.

Wing Commander K. Majumdar, D.F.C.

Wing Commander Subroto Mukerjee.

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IN a romantic city somewhere in North India, removed from busy city life, is an expansive camp, where in times of peace young boys of India met to learn to be good citizens. This is now a training school where the more adventurous and daring learn to be good soldiers—Officers for the Indian Air Force. Not all Officers are recruited from this school because every opportunity is now given to men to rise from the ranks, but through it pass most young men who aspire to fly for India against the enemy to-day and against time and space tomorrow. Here enthusiastic young men shed their school and college days when they put on the uniform of an Officer; here they learn to develop powers of initiative and leadership, to command, and to obey.

The training camp is beautifully laid out amidst green lawns and colourful borders. E
entrant on reporting for duty to the Adjutant is assigned a furnished single room in the Hos
In the Mess he meets colleagues from all parts of India, professing different faiths and spe
ing different languages, but now living as comrades, eating the same food and following t
same pursuits. No caste and other differences matter here.

He meets the Camp tailor who fits him for working dress and Service uniforms. Auspicio
is the day when the cadet dresses himself for the first time in Air Force blue or khaki, a
proud indeed is he to wear the uniform of the Indian Air Force.

Training occupies a short 10 to 12 weeks, but into this period is packed the basic essentia
of all the important subjects a cadet must know to get his "wings"—the coveted insignia of
pilot or observer. No subject is easy or unimportant. He learns about personal hygiene t
keep himself fit, about engines and airframes to know his machine, about navigation a
wireless to know his position, about aircraft recognition to know his enemy, about armame
to shoot and bomb, and about air warfare and tactics to fight the enemy in air combat. In t
class room and outside he is taught to feel a responsible member of a fighting team, capti
of a valuable aircraft and crew.

Officers are made not born, and those who have initiative and leadership soon learn. Flig
Commanders are chosen from the group and are responsible for the smartness and disciplin
of those under them. They wear badges to distinguish them, and have certain privileges t
position.

An Officer needs an alert mind in a healthy body; he should be intelligent and smart, quic
in thought and reaction. Games and sports therefore play an important part in the training o
air officers. Physical training in the morning keeps them fit, drill smartens them, and game
and sports quicken their responses.

Facilities are provided for many different games. Cricket, hockey, football, basket-ball
rugger, are some of the games played. There are indoor and outdoor gymnasiums
a boxing ring, a swimming pool, and able instructors. The widest possible variety of physica
recreation is, in fact, provided.

The Mess is cosmopolitan and both Indian and English dishes figure on the menu. A
resident Medical Officer inspects the Mess and looks after the health of the trainees.

In the ante-room, English and Indian periodicals and magazines provide diverse reading
material. The radio helps to keep the Officer-Cadets abreast of the day's news, which is later
discussed with the instructor, who supplements the candidates' knowledge by giving back
ground information underlying the significance of current events.

Literary and debating meetings are organised, in which members discuss matters of political
and military significance. Individual and team competitions are en-
couraged and matches and tournaments between sections and flights
are of common occurrence.

The camp has a cinema unit also, at which Indian and English
programmes are arranged. This cinema is very popular with Officer-
Cadets on week-day evenings. Permission may be obtained for a week-
end in the city by those who desire it.

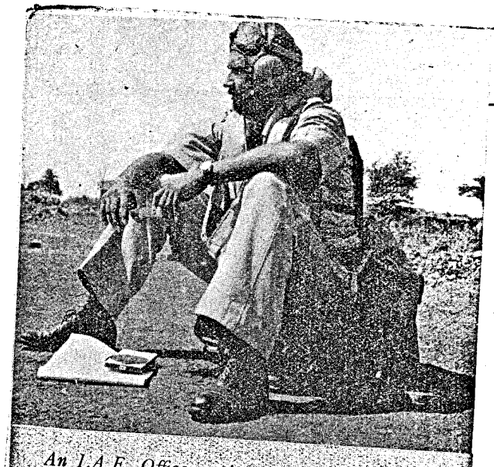
The crowning moment in a cadet's training is the "passing out"
parade. This is his big day, when he is able to demonstrate before a
distinguished audience all he has learned during his weeks at the camp.

THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE

CURIOSITY and the desire to discover and know are the natural instincts of man. Bound fast by the links of courage and perseverance they have produced achievements which are glories for all time. Man no longer struggles against Nature, he has learned to utilise her power, he resources; to harness her waters and her winds; to cherish her strength to the end that he may no longer be at the mercy of her whims, but may live in comfort and security.

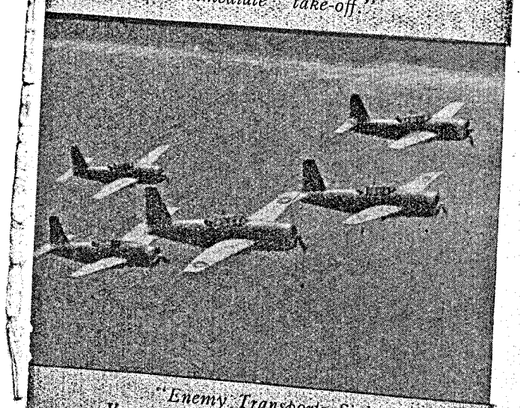
Among a manifold list of achievements, two stand out clearly—man's mastery of the sea and his conquest of the air. Imagination and courage, sacrifice and death, have wrought a bond of closeness and understanding between nations and peoples scattered throughout the world—a unity governed by speed, man imagined and man controlled.

Curiosity is predominantly a quality of youth; experience is the fruit of age.



An I.A.F. Officer waits while his aeroplane is re-armed.

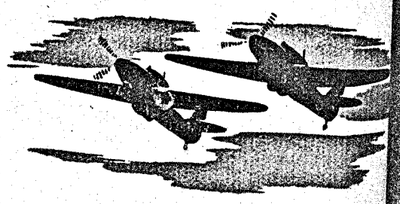
A quick get-away. Pilots running to their aircraft on receiving a signal to make immediate "take-off."



"Enemy Transports Sighted" Vengeance dive-bombers go into action.

But hearts both young and old stir
wonder of a ship at sea or of an aer
speeding through sunshine and
Age muses and sighs; Youth stands
mouthed with an eager longing to ri
waves or climb the air; to feel the
and throb of engines; to command
hidden power which gives speed in m
Youth turns its hand to fashion a paper
adjusts a sail and plays with wind
water. Youth watches the flight
eagle and fashions a model glider of
and matchwood. The urge to do is i
ent and the desire to know will wi
Youth will always learn.

Wise Age knows this and has made
vision for it, guiding and gover
nursing and fostering the imagin
of Youth. Flying fields, training sc
and aircraft await those with the spirit o
venture. The Indian Air Force calls t
Youth of India. The young corsairs o
skies who have already tried their w
over the battle-fields of Germany
Burma eagerly stand behind that
Pilot—Observer—Ground Officer—the
room for all. Surely no service has
before offered so much to Youth, o
enlisted so many of its finest spirits.
Indian Air Force needs YOU.



Fighter Sweep. Ready for action. Study of a fighter pilot in the cockpit of a fighter.

EARLY DAY

FEW people realise that flying began in In as early as 1910, not many years after the pion flights of Orville and Wilbur Wright America. During the last war, several Indi joined the Royal Flying Corps, one of them ing awarded the D.F.C. It was the nephew this pioneer Indian pilot, who was among t first six cadets to join the Indian Air For twelve years later and who subsequently beca the first Commander of its first Squadron.

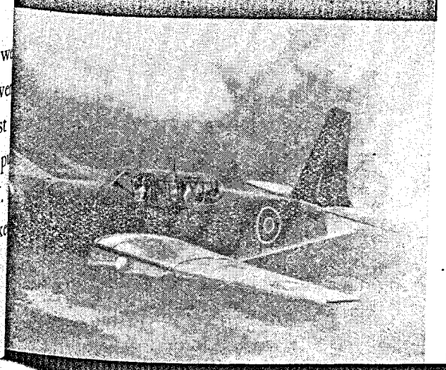
From 1919 until 1933 the air defence of In was entrusted to a few squadrons of the Ro Air Force which served with conspicuous su cess on the North-West Frontier. Many w remember the historic evacuation from Kabul nearly 1,000 civilians of all nationalities, inclu ing Italians and Germans, carried out by No. Squadron in 1928.

The foundations of the Indian Air Force wa laid by the recommendations of a famous Gover ment Commission, which included amongst members such well-known names in Indian pu lic affairs as Mr. Motilal Nehru and Mr. M. Jinnah. On the 1st of April 1927, the Ski Committee recommended that an Indian Air Force be formed and that, in the early stages, its pilots be trained at Cranwell. It was not, however, until five years later, in 1932, that the Indian Air Force became a separate service under an Act of the Legislative Assembly.

The birth of a new enterprise is usually attended by scepticism and doubt, except among a few enthusiasts who have vision and courage. Such enthusiasts were the members of Sir Andrew Skene's Committee, men with experience of the world and with careers of distinction in many walks of life behind them. They sat round the Council table in Simla, and their deliberations, their wise counsel and their splendid forethought, could picture what few others in high places at that time were able to see—an Air Force of many Squadrons, officered by Indians, maintained by Indians, and earning throughout the commonwealth that same respect which the Indian Army has earned from its brothers-in-arms.

But the forethought and judgment of these public men would have been of no avail without the enthusiasm of the six young men who were the first Indian cadets to be trained at Cranwell. Sirkar, Mukherjee, Bhopindra Singh, Awan, Amarjit Singh and Tandon left India for England in 1930. Apart from "Aspy" Engineer, who followed them a few months later, none of these young men had been to England before, and the adventure before them was a hundred times more dramatic and momentous than the journey of any R.A.F. cadet from his home in England to the Air Force College at Cranwell. These six young Indians were not only starting a new life in a new country but they were laying the foundations of a new Air Force; an Air Force which existed on paper alone and

geance dive-bomber on its way to attack Japanese targets.



Between flights two I.A.F. pilots pose for a photograph.

which many believed would never materialise into the complex organisation of men, aeroplanes and equipment, which goes to make up a modern army of the air.

These six cadets were among the pick of Indian sportsmen and quickly made their name at Cranwell. Sirkar captained the Hockey Team; Awan, Amarjit Singh and Mukerjee were in the Cricket Team, while Amarjit Singh captained the Tennis Team in which two of the others also played.

Apart from their outstanding success at games the cadets entered fully into the busy routine of the Air Force "Sandhurst." They had their adventures. Engineer figured prominently, particularly when he had to bale out with his aircraft on fire while he was practising acrobatics. To their other achievements, therefore, these young men were also able to add a caterpillar badge. When their course was over, Engineer was awarded the Grove's Memorial Prize for the best all-round pilot of his term.

Other cadets from India soon followed the first batch. Their names are now well known in the short but gallant history of the Indian Air Force. Majumdar, who commanded No. 1 Squadron in Burma, where he won the D.F.C., Henry Ranganaden, who was killed recently, Prithvipal Singh, Narindra, Bulbul Khan, Mehar Singh, Arjan Singh, Ravindra Singh, Goyal, they all passed through Cranwell and, on their return to India, were posted to No. 1 Squadron, Indian Air Force. There they dedicated themselves to several years of hard training and operations on the North-West Frontier of India, determined to prove to the critics that India could produce an Air Force in every way as qualified to fight as the Indian Army.

While these young men from Bombay, Calcutta, Peshawar, Allahabad, Lahore and many other cities of India were receiving training in England, letters and minutes were passing back and forth between the Government of India and the Air Ministry in England. There were many suggestions, some of which were strongly pressed, urging the inclusion of the new Air Arm within the organisation of the Indian Army. These proposals were strongly opposed by Air Vice-Marshal Salmond who was Air Officer Commanding in India at the time. Consequently, the machinery of legislation was set in motion and in 1932 the Indian Air Force Act, constituting the I.A.F. as a separate Service, was passed through the Legislative Assembly in Delhi.

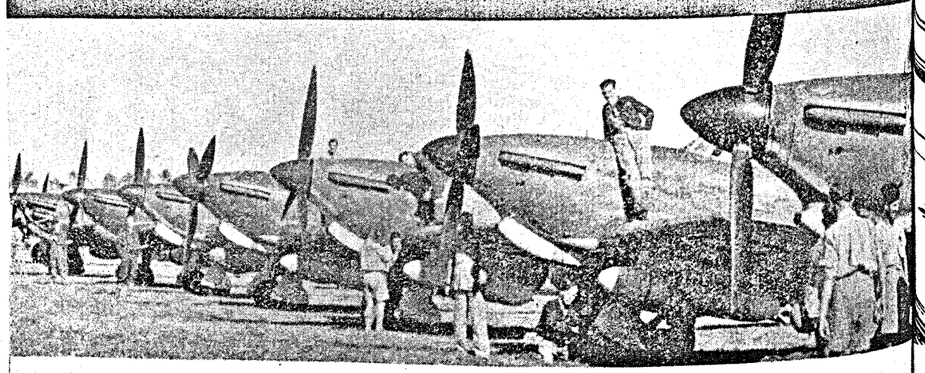
On the 1st of April 1933, the I.A.F. started with one flight at Karachi. It was commanded by S/Leader Bouchier (now an Air Commodore in Fighter Command) and included a number of British N.C.O.'s since one of the greatest difficulties in connection with the expansion of the I.A.F., then, was the supply of technical tradesmen.

An Officer Cadet at an I.A.F. training centre.

In summing up the early days, the most striking feature of India's Air Force was the newness of the idea. In 1930, the aerial power of the Commonwealth was at its lowest ebb. England, which in 1918 had possessed 20,000 aircraft, had allowed her strength to dwindle to a force of little more than 500 front line machines. In Canada, Australia, South Africa there were "token" air forces, while New Zealand did not possess an air arm until a few years before the war.

In India, where the Army had for so long dominated the defence services and where the R.A.F. itself operated on a very small scale the formation of a separate service, which it was intended should be officered and manned entirely by Indians, was a revolutionary decision. It is fitting that after ten years, the Force which started with six men and a flight of three aeroplanes, should have increased to its present strength and have justified the courage and foresight of the statesmen who sponsored its formation and the keenness of the young men who flew its first aeroplanes.

There have been many set-backs, but there have been many glorious incidents. Pilots of the Indian Air Force have captained Sterlings in raids over Germany and German-occupied Europe. For three years they have carried out anti-submarine patrols and convoy escorts around the shores of India, and during the Burma campaign they earned a high reputation among the Commonwealth Air Forces for their discipline and initiative.



A line of Hurricane aircraft at "Readiness."

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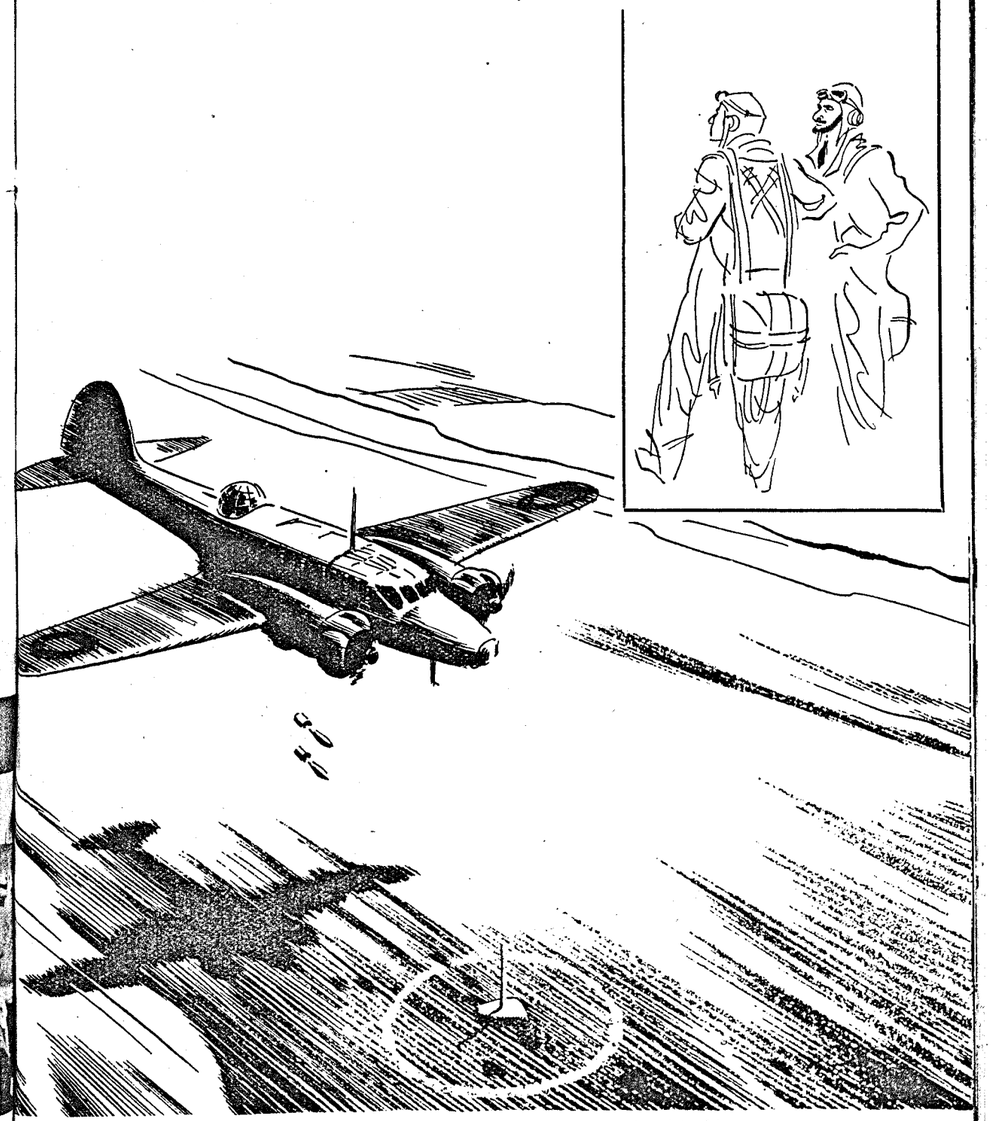
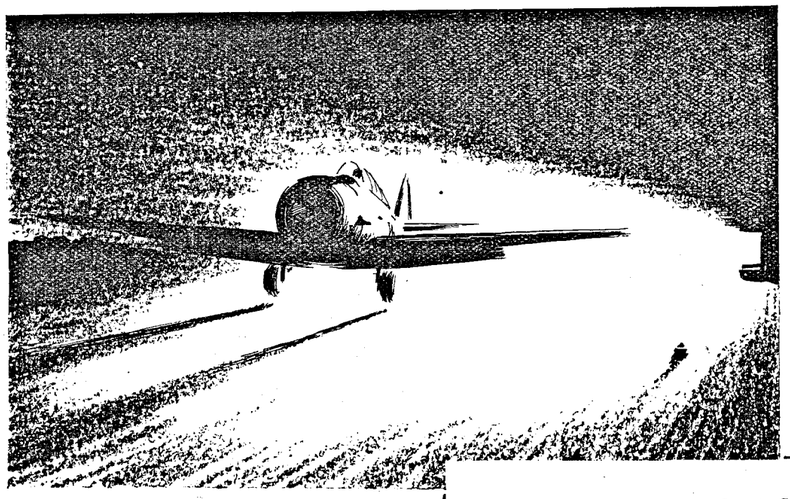


Service Flying Training School—An Anson practice bombing.



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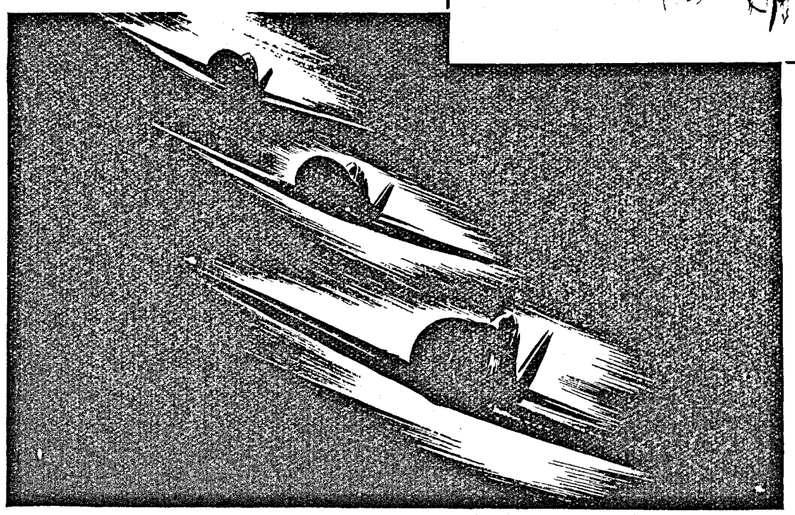

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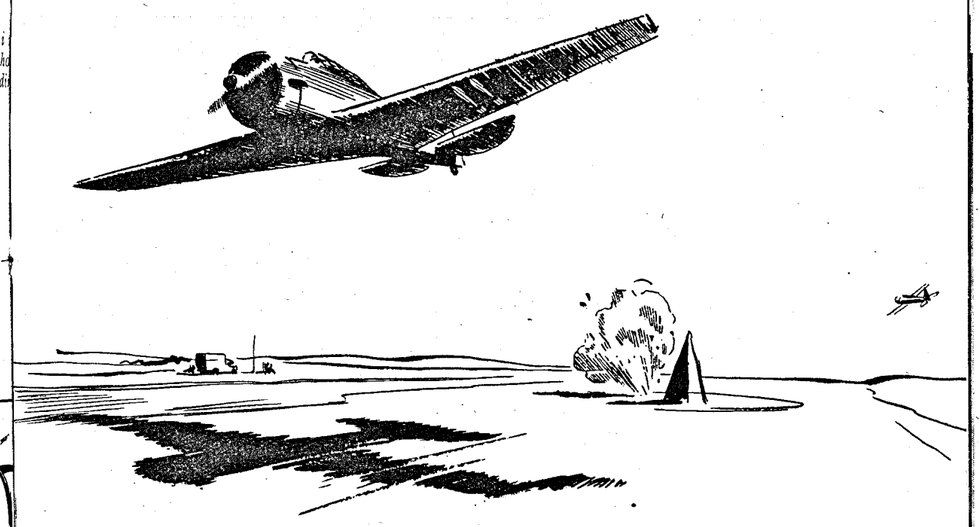

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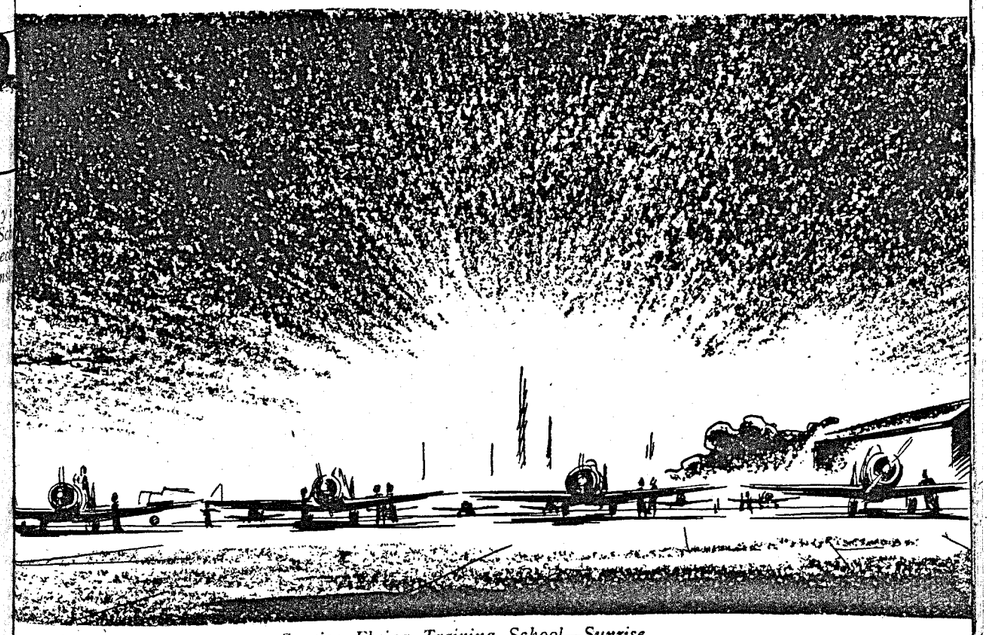
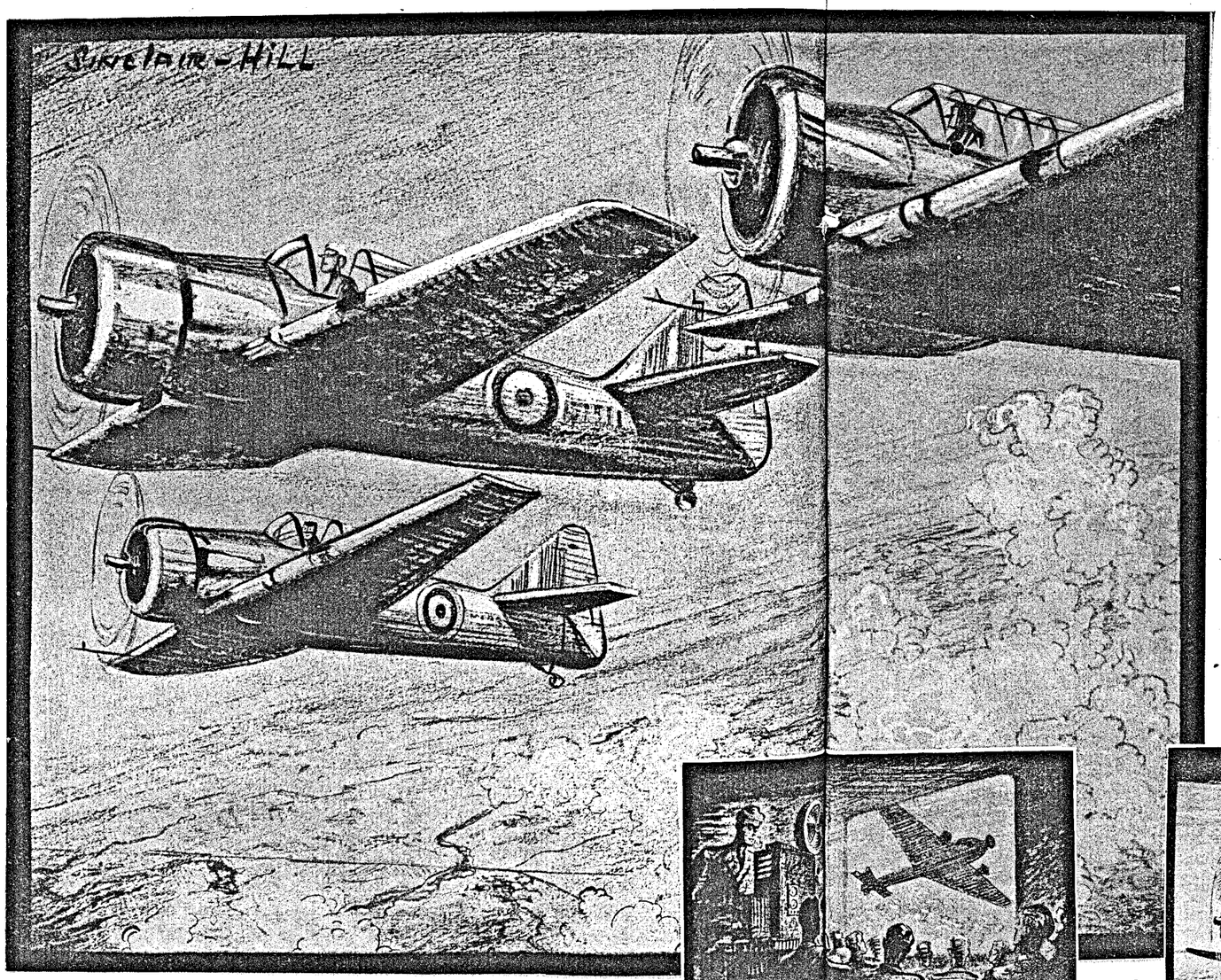


Service Flying Training School—Sunrise.



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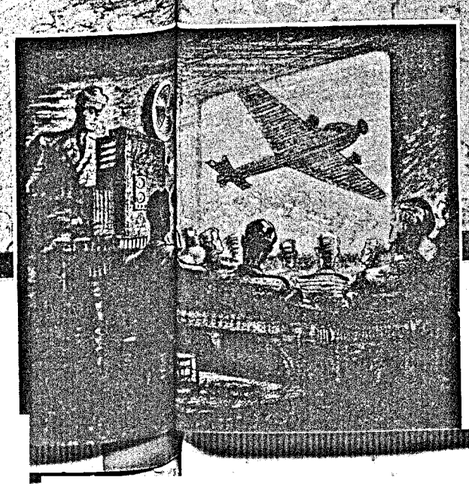

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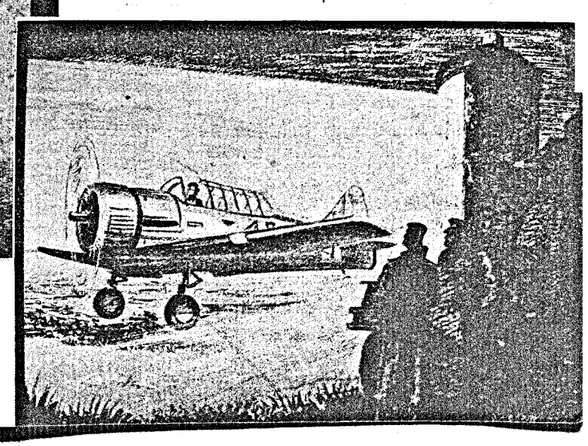

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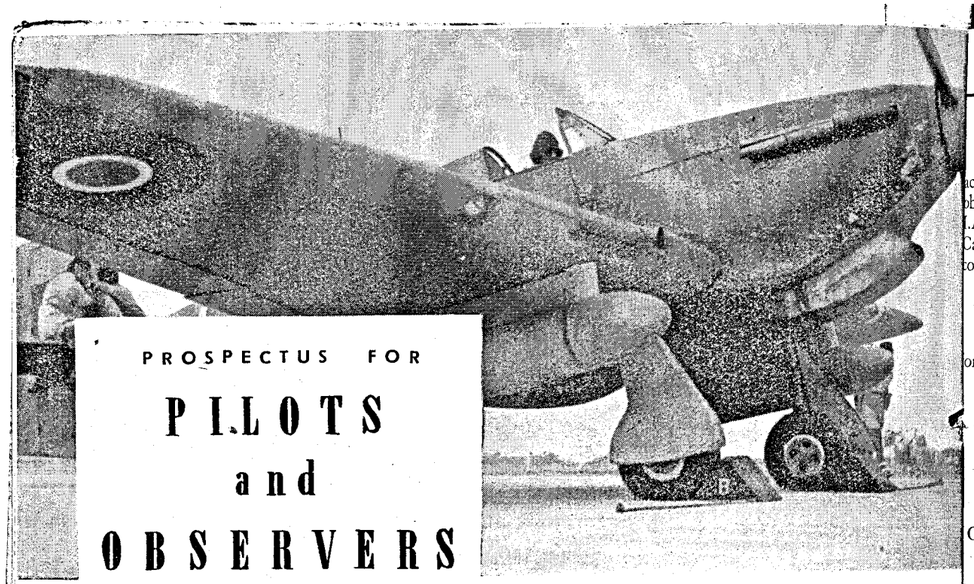


PROSPECTUS FOR

PILOTS and OBSERVERS

IN THE INDIAN AIR FORCE.

OBJECT.

1. To produce a body of fully trained Pilots, and Observers for war-time service with the regular Air Force.

TO WHOM YOU SHOULD APPLY.

2. Candidates who fulfil the conditions set out in paras 10 to 14 below should complete the application form (I.A.F. Z-2290) given at the end of this booklet and forward it to:—

Provincial Selection Boards at which candidates will appear for their preliminary interview.

3. If accepted by the Provincial Selection Board, candidates will be called to appear before the Officers Selection Board for final selection, and medical examination.

4. INDIAN STATES—Candidates in Indian States Government employ must obtain consent of the State authorities before applying.

5. Candidates will obtain Application Forms from local Military Commanders.

6. They will be interviewed by the Local Military Commanders and if selected will be called upon to appear before the Officers Selection Board for final selection, and medical examination.

THE GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH OF THE INDIAN AIR FORCE.

7. As the phrase implies, General Duties personnel of the I.A.F. are required to perform general station and unit duties in addition to their duties in the air. The General Duties Branch of the I.A.F. is sub-divided into the following categories, a brief description of which is given :—

(a) **Pilots**—The duties of a pilot as such are similar in most respects to those of the captain of a ship at sea; he is responsible for manœuvering his aircraft and also for his crew.

(b) **Observers**—The observer in an aircraft is responsible to the captain of that aircraft for all work in connection with the safe and accurate navigation of the aircraft. He is also responsible for bombing and in some types of aircraft for air gunnery work and operating the wireless.

APPOINTMENTS.

8. Pilots and Observers—Candidates who are accepted with a view to training as pilots and observers in the General Duties Branch of the I.A.F. are in the first instance entered as Officer Cadets and, if found suitable, are later given commissions in the I.A.F.

TRAINING.

9. Initial training of candidates found suitable for the I.A.F. may involve the following periods:

(a) **Pilots**—An Air Force course in four stages of approximately ten months' duration.

(b) **Observers**—An Air Force course in three stages of approximately seven months' duration.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED OF CANDIDATES FOR ENTRY INTO THE INDIAN AIR FORCE.

10. AGE LIMITS —At the time of selection a candidate must have passed his eighteenth birthday, but must not have passed his 26th birthday for Pilots and 28th birthday for Observers. Only in very special circumstances can the upper age limit be relaxed.

Candidates between 17½ and 18 years of age may be accepted as Officer Cadets provided they have completed successfully not less than one year at a college or have passed the Senior Cambridge examination with not less than three credits.

11. NATIONALITY —A candidate must be a subject of His Majesty or of an Indian State, and

(i) he must be of unmixed Indian descent, or

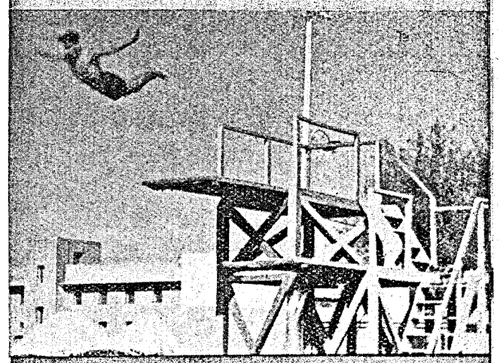
(ii) if he is of mixed Indian and non-Indian descent, he must be domiciled in India, or

(iii) if he is of unmixed non-Indian Asiatic descent, he must be domiciled in India and his father and grandfather must also be, or if deceased, have been domiciled in India.

12. EDUCATION—Normal minimum standard is matriculation (pass) or equivalent, good mathematics, general knowledge and knowledge of current affairs as reported in daily papers. A first-class knowledge of written and spoken English is essential. Preference is given to candidates who possess higher educational qualifications.

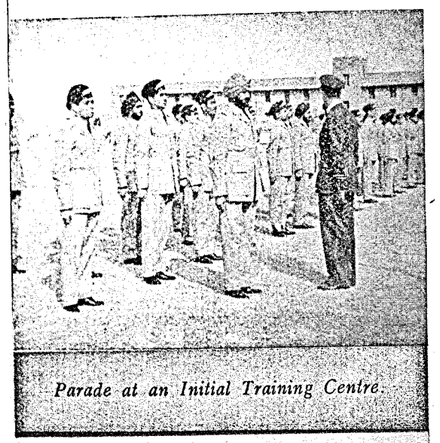
13. GAMES, ETC —Preference is given to candidates who have been active participants in school and college games and sports, members of Scout organisations and Training Corps, or who are experienced in technical and/or flying work.

The lecture on the ground that will help in the sky.

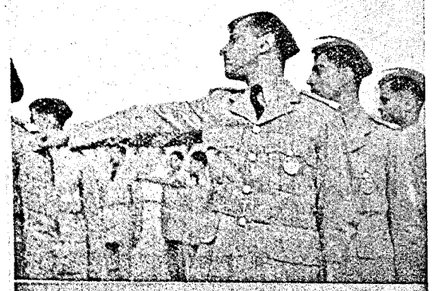


'Airborne' from a perfect 'take-off!'

A Sikh pilot officer returns from reconnaissance.



Parade at an Initial Training Centre.



"Eyes Right"—Spirit Right.

Lungs Right.

14. STANDARD OF MEDICAL FITNESS—The medical standard of fitness required is such as will ensure co-ordination of all the systems of the body, which are primarily intact, so as to ensure perfect control when flying aircraft and also capability to withstand stress of flying on active service.

Thus the candidate must have complete use of all limbs, must be capable of endurance as shown by being able to hold his breath for at least 60 seconds without any undue disturbance of normal pulse rates. Blood pressures must be within certain normal limits. Heart and lungs must be free of disease. Vision and colour perception must be normal; spectacles must not be worn. Hearing apparatus must be free of disease and hearing within normal limits. History of severe sea or air sickness, severe dizziness on swings and roundabouts debars candidates. Balance, which is tested on each leg separately with eyes closed, must be satisfactory.

Minimum height must reach 63″ and leg length measured from hip to heel 39″.

To attain standards of fitness required, candidates are advised to adopt a strict regime covering avoidance of alcohol, excessive smoking, and consumption of highly spiced foods; attention to personal hygiene, and suitable exercise, such as tennis, swimming, running, and gymnastics are important and necessary.

SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOR OFFICER CADETS AND COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

15. Selected candidates are entered as Officer Cadets. While serving as such they receive pay @ Rs. 4-8-0 per day *plus* an additional Rs. 50 per mensem if married, free accommodation, free messing and medical and dental treatment. An outfit allowance of Rs. 600 is credited to the Officer Commanding the Initial Training School for the provision of their uniform.

16. **APPOINTMENT TO COMMISSIONED RANK**—Those who succeed with their training and are in other respects suitable are normally commissioned after the following periods as Officer Cadets:—

Pilots	...	20—24 weeks.
Observers	...	20—24 weeks.

17. **RANK ON APPOINTMENT**—Appointment to a commission is in the rank of Acting Pilot Officer on probation. The probationary period is 9 months of embodied service. On satisfactory completion of the probationary service, or on reaching the required standard of proficiency in his duties, whichever is later, an Acting Pilot Officer is promoted to the rank of Pilot Officer. Exceptional qualifications of a candidate may, however, be taken into consideration with a view to the grant of a higher rank on entry.

Note.—The programme and period of training is subject to alteration from time to time.

18. **PROMOTION**—Pilot Officers will be eligible for promotion to Flying Officer (subject to recommendation) after 12 months' embodied service as such.

Promotion above the rank of Flying Officer will be by selection to fill vacancies in the establishment. The time limits will be the same as for regular officers of the Indian Air Force.

Non-substantive promotion, paid or unpaid will be governed by rules published from time to time in Air Force Instructions (India).

All appointments, promotions, etc., except acting promotions will be promulgated in the Gazette of India.

19. **LIABILITIES OF OFFICERS EMBODIED IN THE INDIAN AIR FORCE.**

(i) To serve in the Indian Air Force for the duration of the war or so long thereafter as their services may be required.

(ii) To go into the air whenever ordered to do so.

(iii) To serve with any of His Majesty's Forces anywhere in the world.

20. **TRAVELLING OR DAILY ALLOWANCE**—Candidates when called up for central interview and/or medical examination will be paid a travelling and daily allowance which will be notified to them at the time.

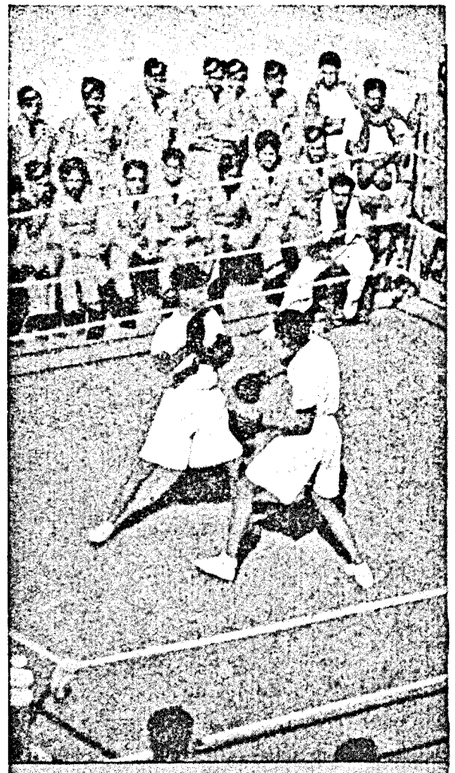
Expenses involved in the journey of a candidate selected for appointment as an Officer Cadet to the Air Force Station to which posted will be refunded in accordance with regulations which will be explained at the time of posting.

21. **MEDICAL**—During annual training and when embodied, officers will be entitled to medical treatment under the conditions applicable to permanent officers of the General Duties Branch of the Indian Air Force.

22. **LEAVE AND LEAVE TRAVELLING CONCESSIONS**—Will be admissible under the rules applicable to permanent officers of the Indian Air Force.

23. **TERMINATION OF SERVICE.**

(i) **Medical Unfitness.**—Officer Cadets or Officers may be required to relinquish their appointments or commissions at any time on account of medical unfitness.



Officer Cadets engaged in friendly combat.

Off duty at the Initial Training Centre.

A well-known I.A.F. pilot.

Planning a flight.

(ii) **Misconduct.**—Officer Cadets or Officers are liable to be removed from the Indian Air Force for misconduct.

(iii) **Other Circumstances.**—For reasons other than medical disability or misconduct, Officer Cadets or Officers may at any time be called upon to resign, should the circumstances in the opinion of the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Forces in India, require such an action.

(iv) **Age Limit.**—Officers will not normally be permitted to serve in the Indian Air Force as pilots or observers beyond the age of 42.

24. PAY AND ALLOWANCES.

(a) **Admissible to officers of the General Duties Branch.**

	Unmarried.		Married
	Pay. Rs.	Special Allowance. Rs.	Pay. Rs.
Acting Pilot Officer ...	370	35	450
Pilot Officer ...	455	35	535
Flying Officer ...	510	20	590
Flying Officer (2 years)	530	20	610
Flight Lieutenant ...	600	20	680
Flight Lieutenant (10 years)	625	...	755
Flight Lieutenant (15 years)	700	...	830
Squadron Leader ...	845	...	930
Squadron Leader (5 years)	915	...	1,000
Wing Commander ...	1,190	...	1,245

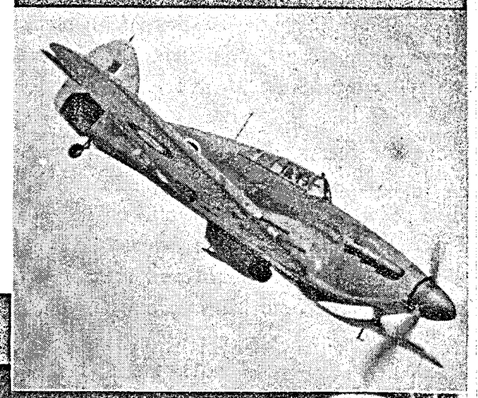
Note.—This special allowance is intended to maintain the emoluments of unmarried officers at their present level and will be regarded as "pay" for all purposes. It is only payable however, to unmarried officers when not in receipt of colonial allowance.

Officers, married or unmarried, serving overseas will receive a colonial allowance at the rates laid down from time to time in Air Force Instructions (India).

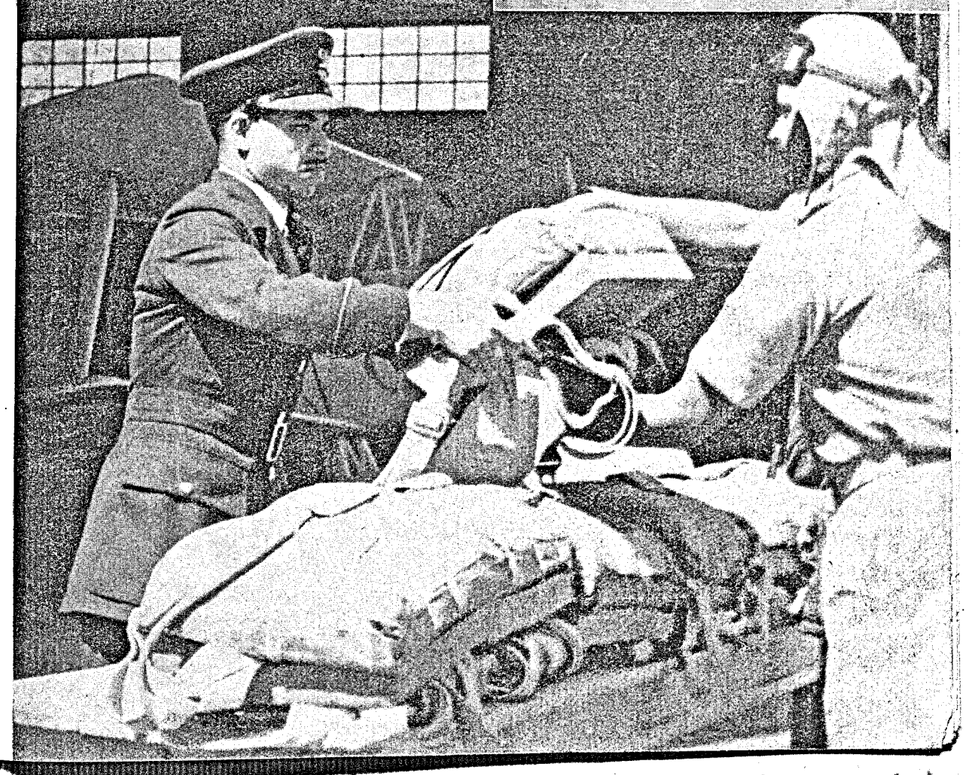
25. GENERAL —Training in the Air Force includes a continuation of educational work. Certain characteristics required in candidates such as initiative and independence of thought and action are cultivated as practical training develops. In consequence an individual who has completed training as an Officer is better qualified to compete for or undertake civil employment than his contemporary elsewhere.

As terms and conditions of service are liable to change from time to time, no guarantee can be given that all the information contained herein is completely accurate and up to date. Candidates are, therefore, advised in their own interests to ask at the nearest Recruiting Office for the very latest information concerning the particular Service or Branch they wish to join.

An I.A.F. Reconnaissance Pilot returns to his base with valuable information and photographs.



A pilot collects a parachute, packed by experts, to ensure safety.



PROSPECTUS FOR

GROUND OFFICERS

1. ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES BRANCH.

2. EQUIPMENT BRANCH. **3. TECHNICAL BRANCH.**

4. ACCOUNTANT BRANCH.

TO WHOM APPLICATION SHOULD BE MADE.
Candidates should complete form I.A.F. 2290 at the end of this booklet and forward it to:—

(i) Local Provincial Selection Board if under 36 years of age.

(ii) District/Area Headquarters if over 36 and up to 50 years of age, for further consideration.

INDIAN STATES. Candidates in Indian States Government employ must obtain consent of the State authorities before applying. They should apply to the nearest District/Area Headquarters.

Appointments are to:—

(i) Administrative and Special Duties Branch for the following

(*a*) Administrative.
(*b*) Codes and Ciphers.
(*c*) Intelligence.
(*d*) Photographic.
(*e*) Aerodrome Defence.
(*f*) Recruiting.
(*g*) Link Trainer Instructor.
(*h*) Marine-Craft.
(i) Mechanical Transport.

(ii) The Equipment Branch.
(iii) Technical Branch for the following duties:—
(*a*) Engineers.
(*b*) Radio.
(*c*) Technical Signals. (Wireless).
(iv) Accountant Branch.

AGE LIMITS. Entry in Equipment, Accountant and A. & S. D. Branches is restricted to those not under 21 years and not over 50 years of age. In case of Technical Branch it is restricted to those not under 18 years and not over 28 years of age.

NATIONALITY. A candidate must be a subject of His Majesty or of an Indian State, and

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(ii) if he is of mixed Indian and non-Indian descent he must be domiciled in India, or

(iii) if he is of unmixed non-Indian Asiatic descent he must be domiciled in India and his father and grandfather must also be, or if deceased, have been domiciled in India.

QUALIFICATIONS. Entrants must have good educational qualifications and/or experience appropriate to the special appointment.

MEDICAL STANDARD. Although the medical standard is not as high as for the Flying Duties Branch, candidates should be physically fit to carry out any of the duties mentioned in para 2 above.

RANK ON ENTRY. Candidates will be designated Officer Cadets while undergoing disciplinary training at a selected School or other Unit.

PAY WHILST UNDERGOING TRAINING. While serving as Officer Cadets candidates will receive pay @ Rs. 4-8-0 per day plus an additional Rs. 50 per mensem if married, free accommodation, free messing and medical and dental treatment. An outfit allowance of Rs. 600 is credited to the Officer Commanding the School or Unit to which a Cadet is first posted, for the provision of his uniform.

COMMISSIONED RANK. Those who succeed with their training and are, in other respects, suitable are normally commissioned on completion of their training. Cadets will be commissioned in the rank of Pilot Officer on probation for 9 months. They will be confirmed after completing 9 months, satisfactory service or on reaching the required standard of proficiency whichever is later. Exceptional Service circumstances and the personal qualifications of a candidate may justify the grant of a higher Acting rank on entry.

PROMOTION.

(i) Pilot Officer will be eligible for promotion to Flying Officer (subject to recommendation) after 6 months, embodied service as such.

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MEDICAL. Officers will be entitled to medical treatment under the conditions applicable to regular officers of the Indian Air Force.

LEAVE AND LEAVE TRAVELLING CONCESSIONS.

Will be admissible under the rules applicable to regular officers of the Indian Air Force.

TERMINATION OF SERVICE.

(i) *Medical Unfitness.*—Officer Cadets or Officers may be required to relinquish their appointments or commissions at any time on account of medical unfitness.

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(iii) *Other Circumstances.*—For reasons other than medical disability or misconduct, Officer Cadets or Officers may be removed from the service or may at any time be called upon to resign should circumstances require such action.

PAY ON COMMISSIONING. On commissioning pay will be admissible at the undermentioned rates:—

Technical Branch

	Unmarried. Rs.	Married. Rs.
Acting Pilot Officer ...	405	450
Pilot Officer	490	535
Flying Officer	530	590
Flying Officer (2 years' seniority as such) ...	550	610
Flight Lieutenant ...	620	730
Flight Lieutenant (after 10 years)	625	755
Flight Lieutenant (after 15 years)	700	830
Squadron Leader ...	845	930
Squadron Leader (5 years' seniority as such) ...	915	1,000
Wing Commander ...	1,190	1,245

Equipment, Accountant and Administrative and Special Duties Branches

Pilot Officer	405	450
Flying Officer	430	490
Flying Officer (after 6 years)	460	520
Flight Lieutenant ...	550	660
Flight Lieutenant (after 11 years)	550	680
Flight Lieutenant (after 14 years)	620	750
Squadron Leader ...	765	850
Squadron Leader (after 22 years	865	950
Wing Commander ...	1,090	1,145

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DUTIES. The following are the duties in the various appointments:—

(i) TECHNICAL OFFICERS.

Engineering, Aeronautical, Mechanical, Electrical and Torpedo: To maintain the complex equipment of the I.A.F. in constant fighting trim.

Qualifications.

Aeronautical: G. E. Licences A.B.C.D. & X and practical experience.

Mechanical & Electrical: Practical experience.

Torpedo: Practical experience in electricity and some knowledge of compressed air tools.

Radio & Signals: To maintain and control communications. Men with practical experience in operating communication systems.

(ii) ADMINISTRATIVE AND SPECIAL DUTIES OFFICERS.

Administrative: Adjutants, Etc.: To organise I.A.F. ground services of all kinds. Senior men with business experience preferred.

Link Trainer Instructor: Experienced aviators preferred.

Intelligence: To co-ordinate and interpret news of operations. Aviators with a fair knowledge of Air operations preferred. Must have knowledge of flying.

Codes and Cyphers: To control the secret messages of the I.A.F. Reliable, mature men good at figures and in English.

Photographic: "The eyes of the three fighting Services." Experienced technical photographers with sound scientific education.

Marine Craft: To command the Sea-arm of the I.A.F. Any adventurous young men with initiative who are mechanically minded.

Motor Transport: To organise and operate the I.A.F.'s ground communications. Young men with some knowledge of operating motor cars and trucks.

(iii) EQUIPMENT OFFICERS.

To control the supply, storage, and issue of equipment. Commercial men particularly those with "stores" experience.

(iv) ACCOUNTANT OFFICERS.

Registered Accountants who are B. Coms. or who have had adequate accounting experience in leading commercial companies, or who hold the English qualifications of Chartered or Incorporated Accountant.

EMERGENCY / TEMPORARY Commissions in His Majesty's Royal Indian Naval Reserve or Royal Indian Naval Volunteer Reserve / Indian Land Forces or Indian Air Force

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Military District: _____

Provincial Board: _____

Order of preference of Service (*vide* Item 35) 1. . . . . 2. . . . . 3. . . . . (To be completed by the recommending authority.)

FINAL CLASSIFICATION BY C.I.B. _____

PART I

To be completed by the applicant (*in his own handwriting*).

1. This application form will be used for all candidates for temporary commissions in His Majesty's Royal Indian Naval Reserve Forces and Emergency Commissions in the Indian Land Forces, or the Indian Air Force.

2. Candidates will indicate below the order in which they desire to be considered, *i.e.*, order of preference:—

First choice.....

Second choice.....

Third choice.....

3. Candidates desirous of appointment to the Indian Air Force should ascertain whether they come up to the standard of physical fitness prescribed. (The medical standards are given alongside.)

4. Candidates must, if selected, observe the following conditions:—

(*a*) *General*:—
Must be prepared to serve in any unit or formation in any part of the world.

(*b*) *Indian Air Force*:—
Must be prepared to sign a personal indemnity certificate renouncing all claims to compensation from Government in respect of any loss or damage to them or their property during the period of their training.

(*c*) *Certificate*:—
I fully understand the conditions given above and I am prepared to accept them.

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(*Signature of Applicant*)

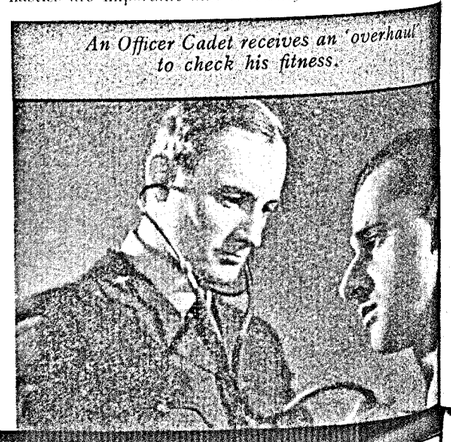
MEDICAL STANDARD OF PHYSICAL FITNESS REQUIRED FOR GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH OF THE INDIAN AIR FORCE

5. The medical standard of fitness required is such as will ensure co-ordination of all the systems of the body, which are primarily intact, so as to ensure perfect control when flying aircraft and also capability to withstand stress of flying on active service.

Thus the candidate must have complete use of all limbs, must be capable of endurance as shown by being able to hold his breath for at least 60 seconds without any undue disturbance of normal pulse rates. Blood pressures must be within certain normal limits. Heart and lungs must be free of disease. Vision and colour perception must be normal, spectacles must not be worn. Hearing apparatus must be free of disease and hearing within normal limits. History of severe sea or air sickness, severe dizziness on swings and roundabouts debars candidates. Balance, which is tested on each leg separately with eyes closed, must be satisfactory.

Minimum height must reach 63 ins. and leg length measured from hip to heel 39 ins.

To attain standard of fitness required candidates are advised to adopt a strict regime covering avoidance of alcohol, excessive smoking, and consumption of highly spiced foods; attention to personal hygiene, suitable exercise, such as tennis, swimming, running, and gymnastics are important and necessary.



An Officer Cadet receives an "overhaul" to check his fitness.

FORM I.A.F. Z 2290

APPLICATION FOR A TEMPORARY COMMISSION IN HIS MAJESTY'S ROYAL INDIAN NAVAL RESERVE OR AN EMERGENCY COMMISSION IN THE INDIAN LAND FORCES OR INDIAN AIR FORCE.

→ IMPORTANT
To be completed in applicant's own handwriting.

1. Name in full (BLOCK LETTERS).

2. Present address. (Nearest railway station to be shown.)

3. Permanent address.

4. Married or single. (If married, the number of children and their ages should be given.)

5. Name, address and occupation of next-of-kin, showing relationship.

6. Exact date of birth. (Documentary evidence to be attached to application form and this must be verified by the recruiting authority concerned.)

Day.....month.....Year.....(Christian era only.)

7. Place of birth.

8. Are you a British subject? (If you are a Government servant, have you been permitted by your Government to apply? Documentary evidence to this effect must be attached.)

9. Are you a subject of an Indian State? If so, of what State? (If you are employed by that State, have you been permitted by your State Authorities to apply? Documentary evidence to this effect must be attached.)

10. What is your religion?
What is your caste?
What is your sub-caste?

If you are a Brahmin, are you orthodox, *i.e.*, have you any objection to messing with non-vegetarians such as Muslims, Christians, etc.?

11. What is, or was, your father's name?

12. What is, or was, your father's permanent address?

13. State your father's country of birth and nationality.

14. State your mother's country of birth and nationality.

15. What is, or was, your father's occupation?

16. What is the approximate amount of your father's Income Tax / Land Revenue?
Amount paid last year was Rs.....

17. Did your father ever serve in the Naval, Military, or Air Force? If so, give particulars.

18. Have you any other *near* relatives who served in His Majesty's Forces? If so, give particulars.

19. Where were you educated? (Serving personnel should also enter all educational qualifications obtained in his Majesty's Forces.)

Name of University.	School or College.	Date of entry.	Date of leaving.	Exam. or Degree.	Class or Division Pass or Honours.	Subjects taken.

(*N.B.*—Only state examination which you have passed.)

20. If applicable, state linguistic qualifications (Oriental and European) and give degree of proficiency in each.

21. In what games did you represent your:—
(*a*) School.
(*b*) College.
(*c*) University.
What games do you play now?

22. Give details of any apprenticeship, with date, and full particulars of training received.

23. Are you in possession of a Board of Trade certificate? If so, give number and date.

24. *Have you passed Sections "A" and "B" of the Association Membership Examination of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, or the examination for Associate Membership of the Institute of Marine Engineers? If so, give dates of passing each section.

25. **Do you hold a Board of Trade Engineer's Certificate of Competency? If so, state what class, when obtained and whether "Ordinary" or "Motor."

26. †State your experience (if any)—
(*a*) as Pilot, state types of aircraft on licence (Details only of bulk of flying.)

	Type.	Hours.
Total Dual		
Total Solo		

(*b*) Give brief particulars of any flying other than as Pilot.

*These questions will be answered by candidates for the Royal Indian Naval Volunteer Reserve of Officers, Executive/Accountant Branch.

**These questions will be answered by candidates for the Royal Indian Navy, Engineering Branch.

†These questions will be answered by candidates for appointment to the Indian Air Force.

27. Give full particulars of all employment you have carried out. [To include service in a Government department (Home, Indian or Colonial) with dates of each rank held.]

N.B.—Applicant must state to whom he was directly responsible, and for what personnel, if any. *Serving personnel will enter a note that they are serving, indicating formation, unit, &c., &c.*

Name of employer.	Date of joining.	Date of leaving.	Nature of employment.	Salary per month.

28. Have you appeared at, or applied for admission to, any examination held by the Federal Public Services Commission for entrance to the Indian Military Academy, Dehra Dun; Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, and/or the Royal Indian Navy? If so, give full particulars and state whether you obtained qualifying marks.

NOTE.—Applications in respect of serving personnel should be accompanied by a report from Commanding Officers. The dossiers of those who have been to the Kitchener College, Nowgong, should be obtained from the College and attached.

29. Have you appeared in any examination held for the Indian Civil Service, Indian Police, and/or the Indian Audit and Accounts Service? If so, give full particulars.

30. Have you served in the Naval, Military Air Forces, including U. T. C., I. T. F. or A. F. I. Unit? If so, state formation, unit, etc., also—
(*a*) For what period.
(*b*) No. of parades attended.
(*c*) No. of camps attended.
(*d*) Rank held on leaving.

31. Have you been previously rejected for Naval, Military, Marine or Air Force Service? If so, give reasons, also date and place of interview.

32. Are you under any liability, or employed under a contract, which may prejudice your release for service? If so, give full particulars.

33. If you are unsuccessful in getting an emergency commission, are you prepared to accept any lower rank for which you are at present considered suitable?

34. REFERENCES—These should be persons holding responsible positions. They should be intimately acquainted with the applicant's character but they will not be relations. One of the referees should be the Principal of the College or Head of a similar institution in which the applicant last studied. In the case of serving personnel no references are required.

N.B.—No person may be quoted as a reference without his consent. { *First* / *Second*

35. I hereby declare, that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above information is correct and I now wish to apply for a Temporary Commission in

Royal Indian Naval Reserve/Royal Indian Naval Volunteer Reserve

(*a*) Executive/Accounts Branch
(*b*) Engineer Branch
Indian Land Forces
Indian Air Force

and Emergency Commission in His Majesty's

Insert order of preference { 1. ..... 2. ..... 3. .....

Strike out, Branch not required.

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And if I am granted such commission I further declare I will serve His Majesty the King Emperor, his heirs and successors, so long as my services may be required or until my resignation is accepted and that I am prepared to serve in any arm or department of the service to which I may be appointed or subsequently transferred and in any part of the world.

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(Signature of applicant)

Witness.....

Date.....

Place.....

36. TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS FOR THE ... AIR FORCE.

PERSONAL INDEMNITY ... E.

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of.....in co...

of my appointment by the Governor-Gen... cil do hereby agree that neither I nor ... tives shall have any claim to com... the Governor-General in Council in ... loss or damage or death caused to ... ge to my property during my train... in aircraft or otherwise during the ... ing in general.

Dated the.....

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(Signature)

Witness.....

Dated the.....

Witness.....

Dated the.....

CANDIDATES IN THE AIR FORCE. CLAUSE NUMBER 36 OF IAFZ 2290 IS NOT APPLICABLE FOR EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS IN THE INDIAN

Application Form I.A.F.Z-2290 and Record of Particulars should be forwarded to the Secretary of the Officers Selection Board.

Candidates will find their nearest Secretary of Officers Selection Board in the lists given below:—

BOMBAY

1. The Commissioner, Northern Division and Chairman, Northern Division Selection Board, AHMEDABAD.
2. The Commissioner, Central Division and Chairman, Principal Selection Board, POONA.
3. The Commissioner, Southern Division and Chairman, Principal Selection Board, BELGAUM.
4. The Collector of Bombay, Chairman Bombay Division Selection Committee, Old Custom House, Fort, BOMBAY.

C.P. & BERAR

1. The Commissioner, Nagpur Division, (Chairman, Divisional Committee) NAGPUR.
2. The Commissioner, Jubbulpore Division, (Chairman, Divisional Selection Board), JUBBULPORE.
3. The Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division, (Chairman, Divisional Committee), RAIPUR.
4. The Commissioner, Berar Division, (Chairman, Divisional Committee), AMRAOTI.

BENGAL

1. The Commissioner, Chittagong Division, CHITTAGONG.
2. District Magistrate and Secretary Provincial Selection Board, DACCA.
3. The Chairman, Burdwan Divisional Selection Committee, CHINSURAH.
4. The Commissioner, Rajshahi Division, JALPAIGURI.
5. Chairman, Calcutta and Presidency Division, Selection Board, 3, Charnock Place, CALCUTTA.

PUNJAB

1. The Commissioner, Ambala Division, AMBALA.
2. The Commissioner, Jullundur Division, JULLUNDUR.
3. The Commissioner, Multan Division, MULTA.
4. The Commissioner, Rawalpindi Division, RAWALPINDI.
5. The Commissioner, Lahore Division, LAHORE.

ORISSA

1. Secretary of the Provincial Recruitment Board, CUTTACK.

COORG

1. Chief Commissioner of Coorg. MERCARA.

UNITED PROVINCES

1. Commissioner, Lucknow Division, LUCKNOW.
2. Commissioner, Meerut Division, MEERUT.
3. Commissioner, Rohilkhand Division, BAREILLY.
4. Commissioner, Agra Division, AGRA.
5. Chairman, Provincial Recruiting Office, (Emergency Commissions), U.P. ALLAHABAD.

SIND

1. Secretary, Provincial Board, Headquarters, Sind District, KARACHI.

PANTH PIPLODA

1. Secretary, Provincial Selection Board, INDORE.

MADRAS

1. Secretary Provincial Board, Senate House, Chepauk, Triplicane, MADRAS.

ASSAM

1. Secretary, Provincial Selection Board, C/o The Commissioner, Assam Division, SHILLONG.

AJMER

1. Commissioner, Ajmer-Merwara, AJMER.

DELHI

1. Chairman, Provincial Selection Board for Emergency Commissions, DELHI.

BALUCHISTAN

1. Secretary, Provincial Selection Board, C/o Baluchistan Education Dept., QUETTA.

TRAVANCORE (State)

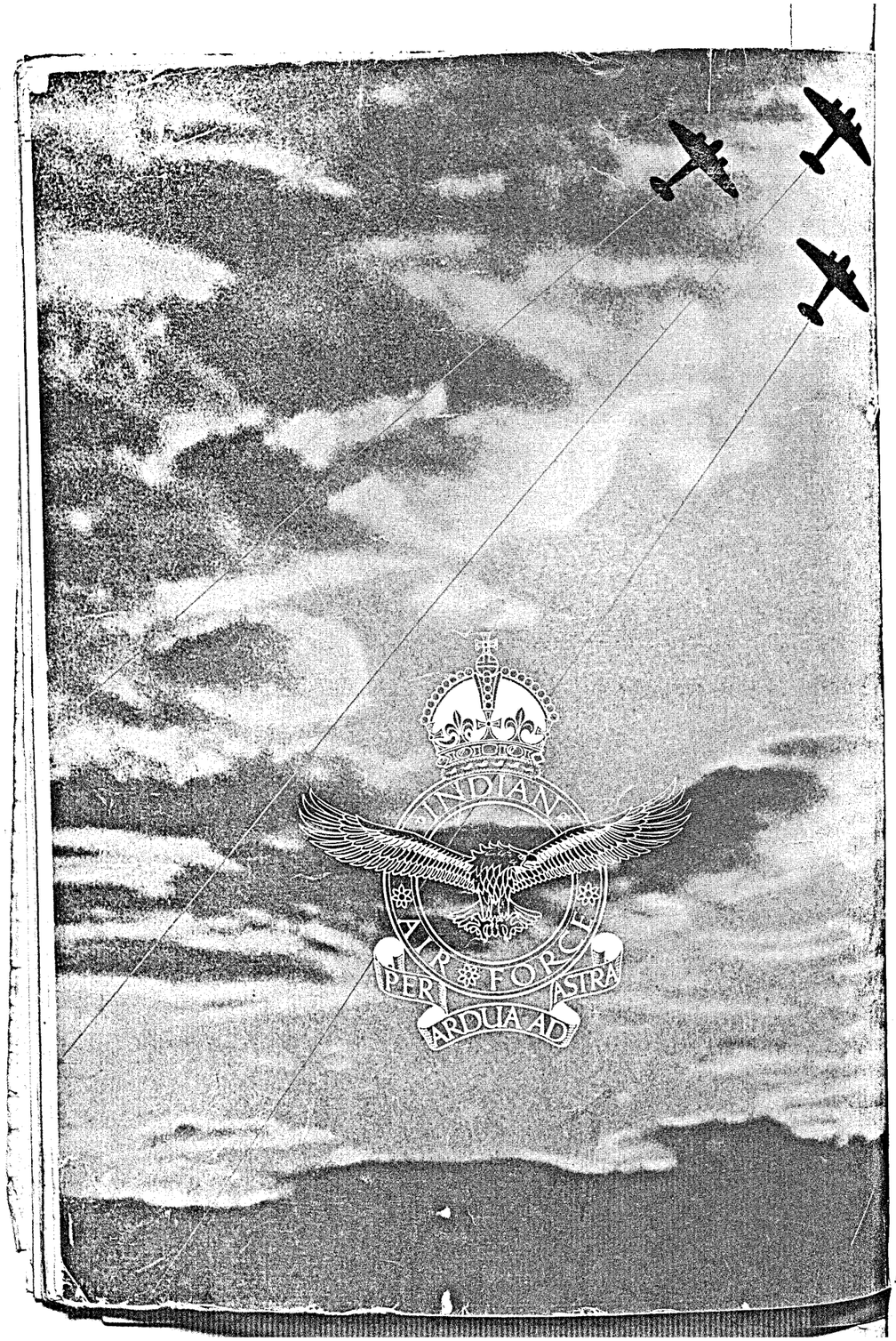
The Chairman, Central (War) Recruiting Committee, Trivandrum, TRAVANCORE.

BIHAR

1. Secretary Provincial Selection Board, P.O. Secretariat, PATNA.

N.W.F.P.

1. District Commander, Peshwar District, PESHWAR.
2. The Commander, Kohat District, KOHAT.
3. The Deputy Commissioner, HAZARA.
4. The Commander, Waziristan District, DERA ISMAIL KHAN.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